



YARRABILBA
STATE SECONDARY
COLLEGE

Learning Today - Leading Tomorrow

iXL@YSSC

Academy Programs

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A futures-focused vision for education recognises that today's learner will face a very different future from generations past.

Our iXL@YarrabilbaSSC Academy Programs offer a personalised learning approach to reflect individual student need, in conjunction with strong industry, community and educational institute partnerships.

The programs have been designed for students with a keen interest in and aptitude for academic, cultural and sporting pursuits.

A project-based approach to learning will enable students to participate in authentic inquiry and collaboration, encouraging them to pursue big ideas, using a collaborative, cross-disciplinary approach to learning and innovation.

Through these programs, 21st Century skills such as critical thinking, communication, connection and creativity will greatly contribute to developing and maintaining a whole school culture that aspires to and celebrates academic and sporting excellence.

Our iXL@YarrabilbaSSC Academy Programs are designed to challenge our students and extend their knowledge in the following areas:

- High Performance Sport
 - Touch Football
 - Basketball
 - Surf Lifesaving
- Ecology and outdoor learning
- Performing Arts
- Steam
 - Esports
 - Robotics



Application Process

All applications are to be submitted electronically via the QR codes below. Program coordinators will make contact to inform families whether students have been successful in their application. In the case that students are required to audition or try out, program coordinators will contact families with the relevant dates.

Round 1 applications due XXXX

Round 2 applications due XXXX

iXL@High Performance Sport

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iXL@ High Performance Sport

This Academy Program is designed for students with a keen interest in and aptitude for Fitness, Nutrition and High Performance Sport. With a purpose-built Kinesiology Laboratory and state-of-the-art sporting facilities, the College, in partnership with community stakeholders, aims to promote healthy lifestyle and increase physical and emotional wellbeing to prepare our students for an active, healthy and positive future.

Regardless of the sporting area of interest, participants in the Junior Sport Academy program will be supported to develop their skills, attitudes, strength, agility and fitness through individualised training programs, nutrition plans and participation in teamwork, leadership and high-level sporting opportunities.

The iXL@High Performance Sport program includes the following four streams:

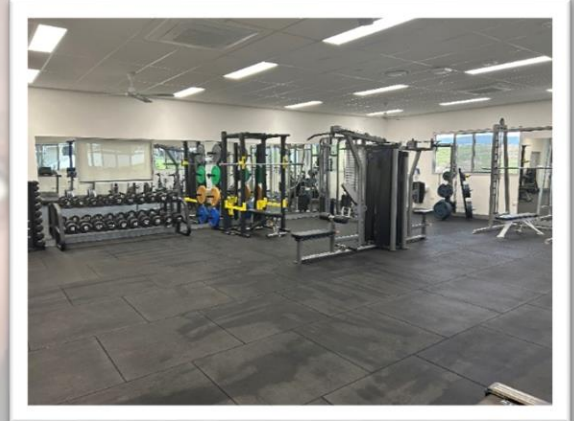
- Junior Sports Academy (Year 7 program)
- Touch Football Academy (Years 7-10)
- Basketball Academy (Years 8-10)
- Surf Lifesaving Academy (Years 9-10)

iXL@ High Performance Sport

Junior Sports Academy

Why join the iXL@ Junior Sports Academy?

- Academy classes working with students with passion, interest and ability in fitness, training and nutrition
- High quality coaching from a variety of Academy staff, specialist coaches and guest coaches utilising the latest practices
- Regular and ongoing testing and feedback which guides individual development requirements
- Opportunities to represent at various events from local districts through to state and national events
- Values based program focusing on the values of training, preparation and work ethics towards achieving full potential on and off the field



Fees, Inclusions & Extras

Participation in the Junior Sports Academy is subject to payment of the Student Resource Scheme and the academy program levy.

The current levy is \$70 for the school year.

This levy includes the following items:

- Student academy branded polo shirt.
- High quality specialist equipment used only for Academy classes.
- Guest coaches and trainers.



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“Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better.”

- Pat Riley

iXL@ High Performance Sport *Basketball Academy*

This Academy Program is designed for students with a keen interest in and aptitude for Fitness, Nutrition and High Performance Sport—focusing on basketball.

Participants in the Basketball Academy will be supported to develop their skills, attitudes, strength, agility and fitness through individualised training programs, nutrition plans and participation in teamwork, leadership and high-level sporting opportunities.

Why join the iXL@Basketball Academy?

- Study with peers who share a passion, interest, and drive to improve their skills and ability in basketball.
- High quality coaching from a variety of Academy staff, specialist basketball coaches, guest coaches and other professionals.
- Regular and ongoing fitness testing and feedback which guides individual development programs.
- Opportunities to represent the College at various events from local districts through to state and national events.
- Values based program focusing on training, preparation, teamwork and work ethic towards achieving full potential on and off the field.
- Learn skills that will enable you to work in the basketball industry including learning to referee, coach, event-manage, analyse statistics and break down film of NBA and NBL games.



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Fees, Inclusions & Extras

Participation in the Basketball Academy is subject to payment of the Student Resource Scheme and the Academy Program Levy.

The current levy is \$70 for the school year.

This levy includes the following items:

- Student Academy branded polo shirt.
- High quality specialist equipment used only for Academy students
- Guest coaches, trainers and professionals

The Basketball Academy has extras that are not included in the program levy, including:

- Basketball skills camp
- Optional Academy Apparel
- Participation in various basketball tournaments.



“Some people want it to happen, some people wish it would happen, others make it happen”

- Michael Jordan

iXL@ High Performance Sport

Touch Football Academy

Yarrabilba State Secondary College offers a specific Sport Development program in Touch Football, where students are provided with opportunities to pursue sport career pathways whether as players, referees, coaches, managers or ancillary sports practitioners as part of their school curriculum.

Why join the iXL@ Touch Football Academy?

- Sport specific classes working with students with passion, interest and ability in Touch Football.
- High quality coaching from a variety of Academy staff, specialist coaches and guest coaches utilising the latest practices. All coaching staff are nationally accredited coaches.
- Regular and ongoing testing and feedback which guides individual development requirements.
- Opportunities to represent at various events from local districts through to state and national events.
- Opportunity to complete Nationally Accredited certificates in Coaching & Refereeing, leading to potential employment.



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Fees, Inclusions & Extras

Participation in the Touch Football Academy is subject to payment of the Student Resource Scheme and the academy program levy.

The current levy is \$70 for the school year.

This levy includes the following items:

- Student academy branded polo shirt
- High quality specialist equipment used only for Academy classes
- Guest coaches and trainers

The Touch Football Academy has extras that are not included in the program levy, including:

- Touch Football skills camp with QTF
- Participation in local Touch Football competition
- Optional Academy Apparel
- Participation in Touch carnivals including Pacific Championship days and All Schools Touch Football



“Nobody who ever gave their best, regretted it.”

- George Halas

iXL@ High Performance Sport

Surf Lifesaving Academy

Why join the iXL@ Lifesaving Academy?

The iXL Sport Surf Lifesaving Academy allows students become members of Kirra Surf Lifesaving Club where they get expert training in surf lifesaving, CPR, first aid, advanced resuscitation and IRB crew.

At the end of the program, all completing students will have the chance to obtain a Cert II in Public Safety (Bronze Medallion) or Surf Rescue Certificate, First Aid certificate as well as the many other certificates available through Surf Lifesaving Australia eg. Advanced Resuscitation, IRB Crewman, Defibrillation Certificates etc. As well as vital points towards their QCE.

Students will become qualified lifesavers, and as such are expected to regularly patrol at Kirra SLSC. Students will be expected to patrol approximately every 3-4 weeks during the season. Student will be required for about 5 hours on a weekend day.



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Participation in the Touch Football Academy is subject to payment of the Student Resource Scheme and the academy program levy.

The current levy is \$70 for the school year.

This levy includes the following items:

- Student academy branded polo shirt
- High quality specialist equipment used only for Academy classes
- Guest coaches and trainers

The Lifesaving Academy has mandatory extras that are not included in the program levy, including:

- Surf Camps to gain awards



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- George Halas

Performing Arts Academy

The Junior Performing Arts Academy Program is designed for students with a keen interest in and aptitude for the performing arts. Our vision is to provide talented young people with the opportunity to build their performance expression, confidence and leadership skills. Students are supported to develop discipline, motivation, creativity and confidence in their performance ability through dance, drama and music.

The Junior Performing Arts Academy program aims to develop students' attitudes towards personal health and wellbeing, work ethic, resilience and commitment. Students will have the opportunity to develop performances to an industry standard and perform at local community events and competitions.

Students will have the opportunity to work with experts in the field through established partnerships between professional organisations and our college.

Why join the iXL@ Performing Arts Academy?

- Develop high quality performance and audition skills
- Access workshops with professional performance artists and organisations
- Have an opportunity to compete at various eisteddfods and performing arts competitions
- Opportunities to perform in local community and school events
- Understand the importance of preparation and work ethic to achieve your full potential on and off the stage
- Develop fitness, strength and flexibility
- Enhance your creative and artistic abilities



Fees, Inclusions & Extras

Participation in the Junior Performing Arts Academy is subject to payment of the Student Resource Scheme and the academy program levy.

The current academy levy is \$100 for the school year.

This levy includes the following items:

- Student academy branded polo shirt
- Headshots
- Eisteddfod competitor pass
- Workshops with industry professionals

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“The world is a complicated place, and there’s a lot of division between people.

The performing arts tend to unify people in a way nothing else does.”

- David Rubenstein

iXL@ Ecology & Outdoor Learning

This subject aims to give students opportunities to explore the natural world, learn about issues facing the wildlife and environment of greater Yarrabilba. This program is hands-on, practical and outdoor focussed. This area of excellence will allow students to work with community partners such as, Landcare, Lendlease, Wildcare Australia, Albert Valley Wilderness Society, Department of Primary Industries and the Queensland University of Technology.

Current subject initiatives include:

- Volunteering with local wildlife rehabilitation programs
- Fish in Schools
- Circular food economy programs
- Recycling
- Student-lead social enterprise
- Collection and propagation of native seeds
- Fire ant eradication programs

Why join the iXL@ Ecology & Outdoor Learning Academy?

- Acquire practical skills in areas such as maintaining an edible garden, managing waste (compost, worm farms, etc.), and identifying plants
- Access to experts in the field to support and guide learning
- Participate in citizen science projects
- Participate in hands-on learning in partnership with industry professionals

Develop sustainable practices to implement in our college and the wider community

- Be exposed to scientific, cultural and sociological concepts in a meaningful way that allows students to apply and transfer their knowledge into other subjects and life at home



Fees, Inclusions & Extras

Participation in iXL@Ecology & Sustainability is subject to payment of the Student Resource Scheme and academy program levy.

The current academy levy is \$100 for the school year.

This levy includes the following items:

- Excursions throughout the year
- Specialist tools and equipment
- Guest speakers and workshops

"Humanities is now standing at a crossroads. We must now decide which path we want to take. How do we want the future living conditions for all living species to be like?"

- Greta Thunberg

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead

iXL@ STEAM

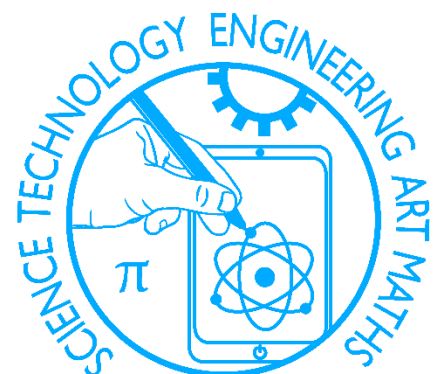
STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. STEAM education is important because it pervades every aspect of our lives and provides students with an interdisciplinary approach to their learning, in challenging, real-life situations.

Participants in the STEAM Academy Program will be encouraged to use their understanding of Science, Maths and Technology to engineer solutions to design challenges. Students will explore contexts such as robotics, game design, rocketry, forensics and electronics as they think critically and problem solve to develop innovative and creative solutions, preparing them for a range of careers.

Students in the STEAM Academy enjoy working collaboratively and feel comfortable with hands on learning. They think deeply about the world around them and experimenting with ideas.

Why join the iXL@ STEAM Academy?

- Opportunities to participate in a range of extra-curricular competitions across science, mathematics and technology
- Access to experts in the field to support and guide learning
- Extension science, technology, engineering and mathematics curriculum that builds student's capacity and proficiency in higher order and critical thinking and problem solving skills through project based learning approaches.
- Access to specialised equipment and state of the art robotics and technology labs



Fees, Inclusions & Extras

Participation in iXL@STEAM is subject to payment of the Student Resource Scheme and academy program levy.

The current academy levy is \$100 for the school year.

This levy includes the following items:

- Excursions throughout the year
- Specialist tools and equipment
- Guest speakers and workshops
- STEAM Academy shirts
- Individual laboratory safety goggles
- STEAM festival at YSSC

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“The future belongs to the curious. The ones who are not afraid to try it, explore it, poke at it, question it and turn it inside out.”

- Anonymous

Esport Academy

Esports in Education isn't just playing games. Esports in an Education context allows students to learn to play games in a safe and healthy manner.

Research shows that 36% of teenagers play video games regularly. The Esports Academy will allow students to play games and attain skills to manage their well-being, ensuring they are playing games safely.

Students are taught how to work together to build a team-oriented mindset, build resilience, how to balance screen time, what healthy electronic gaming looks like, and how to manage sleep and gaming. The aim is to teach students to maintain their health and well-being, whilst still playing games.

Some of the most notable positive effects of gaming include:

- Improved cognitive abilities
- Improved problem-solving skills and logic
- Increased hand-to-eye coordination
- Greater multi-tasking ability
- Faster and more accurate decision-making
- Enhanced prosocial behaviours
- Better eyesight (attention to detail)

Our Academy is run in a high-quality gaming facility including:

- High end gaming machines
- Nintendo Switch consoles
- VR Systems
- A range of games to support skill progression
- Game capture, recording and casting capability

Esports Academy Values?

- The Esports Academy has 4 core values underpinning their program, *Integrity, Team Work, Inclusion* and *Strength*.
- These core values help teach some key life skills including:
 - Working with Others
 - Social Skills and Pro-Social Skills
 - Strategic Thinking and Planning
 - Managing Success and Failure
 - Time Management



Why join the iXL@ Esports Academy?

- Opportunities to participate in a range of extra-curricular competitions in a range of games
- Preparing students for a range of upcoming new jobs within the industry and links to future University study.

Fees, Inclusions & Extras

Participation in iXL@Esport is subject to payment of the Student Resource Scheme and academy program levy.

The current academy levy is \$100 for the school year.

This levy includes the following items:

- Excursions/Competitions throughout the year
- Specialist tools and equipment
- Guest speakers and workshops
- Esports Academy shirts
- Individual headphones



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“Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life forever.”

- Amy Poehler



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