



Mountain Creek State High School



ADMISSION POLICY

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Overview:

Mountain Creek SHS has offered the IB Diploma Programme since 2005 with the program actively gaining support and positive attention state wide since this time. It is a highly recognised program in Australia with all universities recognising its outcomes (please see individual university website for variances in recognition). This program is the only one in operation currently on the Sunshine Coast at a State High School. Promotion for this program is done in various manners including – scholarships, personal invitation, local and state wide advertising and the school Facebook and website. If you have any further questions about our program please contact our IB Coordinator or attend one of our information nights during the school year.

1. General Admission to MCSHS

Mountain Creek State High School (MCSHS) is an independent public school located in Mountain Creek, Queensland, Australia and welcomes all students in its catchment area.

Due to MCSHS's enrolment capacity and growth, the Queensland State Government has enacted a School Enrolment Management Plan which restricts the enrolment of out-of-catchment students to ensure in-catchment students can enrol at their local state school without requiring additional facilities. This Plan outlines the conditions in which out-of-catchment students can still enrol at MCSHS with Executive Principal approval.

2. International Baccalaureate admission at MCSHS:

Mountain Creek State High School is proud to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) for students as a senior student pathway in their final two years of high school. This optional program is academically rigorous and designed to develop the whole person. Students who are planning on attending University are strongly encouraged to consider this academic pathway.

Students accepted into the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program will take 6 IB courses in addition to the Core: CAS (Creativity, Action, Service), EE (Extended Essay) and TOK (Theory of Knowledge). The IB Diploma Program at MCSHS cannot be taken as individual subjects but rather as the diploma as a whole.

At Mountain Creek we encourage all students to challenge themselves. The IB program is appropriate for students who:

- have maintained, at minimum, a B average
- have strong work habits and study skills
- are able to manage their time effectively
- care about their local and global community
- are prepared to persevere and strive to do their best

The IB Diploma Programme is not an exclusive program however there is an IB application process in place in order to ensure that the IB program is a good fit for prospective students to aid them in attaining their future academic goals. This process includes:

1. Complete application form, including Expression of Interest for subjects – available on the school website.
2. Complete student entrance test (external students only).
3. Interview selection process.
4. Formal offer.
5. ECP subject selection.

The interview process is designed to allow students the opportunity to highlight not only their academic performance, but also the personal qualities and beliefs which are essential for success in the IB programme. Interested students will complete the IBDP application form (available from our IB Coordinator), including a written statement entitled 'My Academic Journey'. Applicants will then be invited to show a folio of work that they believe demonstrate student organisation, attention to detail, academic excellence and innovation. This will include one assignment piece and one recent class exercise book.

Selected students will be interviewed by an IB teacher. Selection criteria used during the interview will include:

SC1 – Motivation fit and like-mindedness (learner profile).

SC2 – Personal capabilities.

SC3 – Work ethic.

Successful applicants in the first round will be notified in Term 3 in time for subject selection processes at ECP.

3. Internal Admission to IB

- Students who are already attending MCSHS for their junior schooling, and are interested in completing the IB program, as the senior school pathway need to complete the IB Application Process.
- Students who are already enrolled and attending do NOT have to complete general MCSHS admissions paperwork.

4. External Admission to school and IB

For students who are not currently attending MCSHS, the IB application process is in addition to the school admission process

- The general school's admissions process will need to be completed upon acceptance to the IB Programme as the final step of the enrolment process. At either stage students may not be accepted for a variety of reasons.
- Students who do not currently live in the MCSHS catchment area and are interested in attending to participate in the IBDP must also obtain an exemption to attend MCSHS – part of the general school enrolment package.

- As part of the general school application process families will be asked to make an appointment with a member of the School Administration Team for an enrolment interview.

5. IB Diploma Fees

The IB program is an internationally recognized program with an extensive infrastructure and as such has fees associated with its programs. Please see the MCSHS IB Enrolment forms to view the Fee Structure.

Families experiencing financial hardships surround MCSHS IB fees are welcome to discuss matters privately with one of the school's Business Managers. Financial hardship is not a reason for students not to be accepted into the programme.

6. Additional sources

- School Enrolment Management Plan – Education QLD Website
- MCSHS general enrolment package – attainable from the Administrations Office
- MCSHS IB Handbook – published on school website
- MCSHS IB application – published on school website
- Please contact the IB Coordinator with individual questions or a pre-application discussion