INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

To all applicants

I am pleased that you are considering applying to attend the Australian Science and Mathematics School (ASMS).

The ASMS is a public senior secondary school for students who show interest and aptitude or potential in science, mathematics and related technologies and who are prepared and keen to develop effective and responsible learning skills in preparation for post-secondary studies and other post-school options. The enrolment intake will include Year 10 and selected Year 11 and Year 12 students. Students optimise the benefits of attending the ASMS when they join the school at the beginning of Year 10 and our preferred model is one where students join us to have the advantage of two years of work in the Central Studies before they attempt Year 12 subjects.

If you have decided that working positively with equally motivated students in science and mathematics fits with your goals, these are the steps you will need to follow:

Step 1  Read the enclosed information about the ASMS. You may also like to look at the ASMS website, attend an Open Night or contact ASMS staff.

Step 2  Discuss your interest in the ASMS with your family member/s or chosen support person/s.

Step 3  Complete the ASMS Application Form (included in this Information Pack or available online on the ASMS website). Students and parents are encouraged to provide detailed responses in the space provided.

Please note: Supporting materials are required with your application. These may include:

- records that demonstrate a long term interest in science and/or mathematics;
- school reports and/or references from previous two years;
- records and references of past achievements in both school and community activities;
- evidence of situations where you have shown personal initiative or self motivated learning or other personal endeavours;
- examples of written, creative work or practical projects in science and mathematics;
- Reflections Form from Observation Day visit.

To help us manage the many applications we receive please:

- do not send originals of any of the above support materials only copies. However, if you wish you can bring the originals to an interview.
- do not place applications in presentation folders or pages in individual plastic sleeves. Please staple or clip papers together in the envelope.
Step 4  Send your Application Form and support materials to:
Enrolment Officer
Australian Science and Mathematics School
c/- Flinders University
Sturt Road
BEDFORD PARK  SA  5042

Step 5  You will receive a letter within two weeks confirming that the ASMS has received your Application Form.

Step 6  If you do not receive a letter within two weeks please contact the ASMS on 8201 5686 or email info@asms.sa.edu.au

Step 7  Each application will be assessed against the selection criteria. As a result, applicants may be offered direct enrolment or an interview to seek further information and clarification or a position on the waiting list.

Step 8  Applicants required for interview will be contacted by the ASMS to arrange the date and time for the interview. Applicants are encouraged to bring a family member(s) or chosen support person(s) to attend the interview. Further supporting documents can be brought with each applicant for the interview. We urge families to be as open as possible with information during these discussions to optimise the possibility of appropriate decisions for students.

Step 9  All applicants will be sent a written notification of the outcome of this process. Students accepted for enrolment will also receive requests for further information to enable staff at the ASMS to allow the commencement of planning for their individual learning needs.

The ASMS will review all components of your application. This includes the written application form, interview and supporting materials. Students who best meet the criteria summarised below and described earlier in this document will be given priority for available places.

- interest and passion in studying and pursuing pathways based on an integrated curriculum focused on science and mathematics;
- evidence of commitment to engage positively with the development of effective, responsible personal learning skills within the innovative teaching and learning environment of ASMS.

Step 10  Parent and students sign letter of acceptance and return to school within 14 days.

Step 11  Prospective students and their parents will be encouraged to attend a transition and information sharing day held around the middle of fourth term.

We look forward to receiving your Application Form. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Susan Hyde
Principal