



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 is our preferred model. 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 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.

Observation Day is also required. You can contact Ellie Roberts on 8201 5692 or Ellie.Roberts@asms.sa.edu.au to organise a booking.

Supporting materials are required with your application. This includes medical and disability information. Although this information is not mandatory to complete, provision of this information will be beneficial to the ASMS for planning and resourcing decisions.

Please see attached checklist for further details. To help us manage the many applications we receive please:

- do not send originals of any of the 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.**

Step 2 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 3 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.

Applicants required for interview will be contacted by the ASMS to arrange the date and time for the interview.

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; and
- 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 4 All applicants will be sent a written notification of the outcome of this process.

Step 5 If the applicant receive a Letter of Offer, the parent and student sign letter of acceptance and return it to the ASMS within 14 days.

Step 6 Prospective students and their parents will be encouraged to attend a transition day and information session 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



Jayne Heath

Principal



ASMS Application Checklist

Supporting materials are required with your application. Here is a checklist for you to use to ensure you can supply as many of these items as possible.

- Completed Application Form
- School Reports (*for past 2 years*)
- Certificates (*where available*)
 - School Awards
 - ICAS or other competitions
 - Community Involvement
 - NAPLAN
- Observation Day (required). The school will add your Booklet and reflections sheet from the day to your application (Bookings can be made by calling Ellie on 8201 5692 or email Ellie.Roberts@asms.sa.edu.au)
- References (if possible)
- 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
- Records that demonstrate a long term interest in science and/or mathematics
- Any medical reports or disabilities (if applicable). Including mental health issues. Although this information is not mandatory to complete, provision of this information will be beneficial to the ASMS for planning and resourcing decisions.
- Any additional information that may affect learning, including living arrangements, attendance issues, etc

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