PHILOSOPHY

At Edge Hill State School, we believe that LOTE, PE, the Arts and STEM are crucial in the formation of happy, healthy and productive citizens. It is through study in these areas that students will become innovative thinkers and problem solvers. They will learn to recognise and appreciate beauty, value diversity, communicate effectively, express themselves, discipline their bodies, and grow in confidence.

Edge Hill State School already invests heavily in its specialist teaching areas, achieving above and beyond the requirements of the Australian curriculum. But we want to reach even higher.

In 2017, students will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding and further their skills in Physical Education, the Arts, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths through our Academies programs. These elective classes will be run outside of regular school hours. 2017 will see the continuation of our Triathlon academy (which opened in 2016) and the inauguration of brand new Music and STEM academies. In the future we will be looking to start after school programs in dance, drama, visual art, creative writing and Japanese.

For more information and application forms, contact Simone Richardson via the EHSS office.

OPEN THE BOX
EARLY LEARNING

DIRECTORS: SIMONE RICHARDSON & MICHAEL HARRIS

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

If you have young children at home with you during the day, then Open The Box Early Learning is for you! Open the Box is a joint initiative of the Music and STEM Academies and through an engaging program of songs, stories, games, and activities, nurtures the curiosity, grows the imaginations, and instills a love for learning into our next generation of scholars.

Warm, interactive, social, stimulating and fun, Open The Box Early Learning is a weekly activity you won’t want to miss.

Meet us in the STEM building, each Tuesday from 9am. The program runs from 9.15-10 but bring morning tea and stay for a chat with other parents afterwards. The kids will love playing in the prep playground while you talk.

PROGRAM TIME - Each Tuesday of term, 9.15-10am. Begins week 2 of Term 1, 2017.

COST - $10 per week, payable term by term to the school office.

EDGE HILL ACADEMIES
ABOVE AND BEYOND

* EHSS students had the opportunity to tour Japan recently. This photo shows two of the group sampling local cuisine.

Edge Hill Academies are an initiative of Edge Hill State School. Programs are open to Edge Hill students and, where possible, members of the wider community. Program charges are payable to the EHSS office at the beginning of term.
STEM ACADEMY

DIRECTOR: MICHAEL HARRIS

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The STEM academy brings the concept of “Maker Space” into our school. Academy members are involved in challenges to solve problems that extend their modern technology skills. Whether students are master building their own Lego vehicles, designing games or coding and soldering micro-controllers, our aim is to help improve the lives of the people in our street or perhaps those who live on the other side of the planet!

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND CHARGES
Years 1-4
$10 per week, 3.30 - 4.30pm Wednesdays
• Design and build a project using Lego, OR
• Design and build a cardboard arcade game.

Year 5-10 - Pizza and Programming (One course per term)
$150 per course includes all of the equipment needed to build a garden soil moisture sensor. The course goes over four consecutive Wednesday nights, beginning with pizza (included in the cost) and a lesson at 6pm, followed by a self-directed construction time, concluding at 8pm. Students in years 5 and 6 require an adult helper.

MUSIC ACADEMY

DIRECTOR: SIMONE RICHARDSON

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The Edge Hill Music Academy complements the school’s already existing classroom and extracurricular music programs by developing students’ theory, aural and vocal skills, preparing young children to start instrumental study, supervising individual practice sessions for those already learning and importantly, teaching students how to develop themselves as musicians. There will be occasional performance opportunities so children can demonstrate their progress.

PROGRAM CHARGES
Yr 1-3 students not yet in the instrumental program
$10 per week - 3.30pm - 4.30pm - Monday OR Thursday
• Theory, musicianship and aural skills class
• Treble clef note reading taught through xylophone
• Small group singing experience

Yr 3-6 students in the school instrumental music
$20 per week - 3.30 - 5pm - Monday AND Thursday
• Supervised individual practice sessions
• Theory, musicianship and aural skills classes
• Basic keyboard skills
• Small group singing experience

YR 5-10 students in the school instrumental music
$35 per week - 3.30pm - 4.30pm - Monday AND Thursday
• Theory, musicianship and aural skills class
• Small group singing experience

TRIATHLON ACADEMY

DIRECTORS: DEAN ASHTON and LAUREN LUTZ

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The EHSS Triathlon Academy is a fantastic opportunity for year 3 to 6 students to participate in the ever-growing and multi-faceted sport of Triathlon. The academy will expand to 60 members in 2017 and qualified coaches will provide training in the disciplines of cycling, running, swimming and transition. Academy members are split into “Performance” and “Development” squads and students participate in multiple junior triathlons around the Cairns and FNQ/NQ region. The Triathlon Academy also promotes the importance of maintaining an active and healthy lifestyle.

PROGRAM CHARGES AND TRAINING SCHEDULE
Triathlon Academy members are charged $75 per year. Members train 3 times per week.
• Monday 7:45am - 8:45am (Swimming)
• Tuesday 11am – 11:40am (Running)
• Friday 7:45am – 8:45am (Cycling)

The application process occurs in Term 4 and includes a trial race and consideration of the student’s suitability according to the Academy’s Code of Conduct. For further information please email triacademy@edgehillss.edu.au.