

LEAP Academy

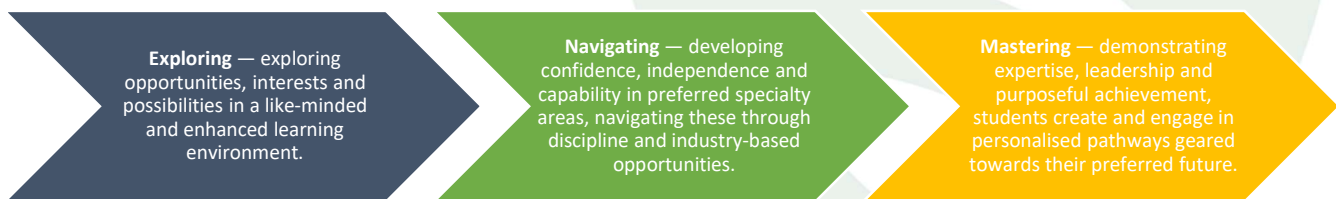
The LEAP Academy at Palmview State Secondary College is designed for highly motivated and academically capable students in Years 7–9 who demonstrate a commitment to learning, curiosity and personal excellence.

LEAP provides students with the opportunity to learn alongside other highly able and motivated learners in a supportive and challenging environment where academic growth, innovation and leadership are valued and nurtured.

Students in the academy are supported by specialist teachers who provide rich extension opportunities that allow students to explore the curriculum in greater depth, complexity and authenticity. Through inquiry, critical thinking and collaborative learning experiences, students are encouraged to think deeply, solve problems creatively and apply their learning to real-world contexts.

The academy is designed to help students develop the knowledge, skills and dispositions required for future success while supporting them to pursue their preferred pathway of choice throughout their schooling journey.

Aligned with the college learning framework, the LEAP Academy supports students as they move through the stages of:



The LEAP Academy points of difference:



The LEAP Academy aims to cultivate curious, capable, committed and collaborative learners who are empowered to pursue excellence and develop a passion for lifelong learning.

Who Should Apply?

Entrance into the LEAP Academy at Palmview State Secondary College will be based on demonstrated evidence of:

- strong academic achievement
- high motivation and engagement in learning
- enjoyment of challenging and deep thinking
- effective independent and collaborative work ethics
- positive learning behaviours and persistence
- pursuit of excellence and growth in personal and academic pursuits

Students applying for LEAP should be prepared to actively engage in all aspects of the academy and uphold the high expectations associated with participation. Students participating in the LEAP Academy are expected to consistently demonstrate the high standards of effort, behaviour, engagement and academic commitment aligned with the values and expectations of the academy.

The LEAP Academy Application Process consists of three stages:

STAGE 1 — Information Evening - *Tuesday, June 9, 2026*

The Information Evening for all year 7 students is open to all interested families and provides an opportunity to learn more about year 7 as well as the LEAP Academy, its structure, expectations and learning opportunities.

The evening will outline:

- Year 7 2027 information for all families
- the purpose and vision of the LEAP Academy
- expectations of students within the academy
- learning opportunities, extension experiences and pathways
- the application and selection process

Attendance at the information evening is strongly encouraged for families considering application into the academy.

STAGE 2 — Application Submission - *Friday, September 4, 2026.*

Parents/carers and students are required to complete and sign the LEAP Academy Application Form and submit this alongside a completed Palmview State Secondary College enrolment application by the advertised closing date. For 2027 applicants this is

Applications must include:

- completed LEAP Academy Application Form including Personal Statement
- most recent school report cards and NAPLAN reports
- supporting documentation (not original) outlining student achievements, leadership, community involvement or extracurricular participation (optional)

Please note that LEAP applications will not be considered unless all required enrolment documentation has been submitted.

STAGE 3 — Application Outcome – *By the Conclusion of Term 3 (September 18, 2026)*

Families will be notified of the outcome of their application via email following completion of the selection process. Successful applicants will be selected based on demonstrated alignment with the values, expectations and intent of the LEAP Academy. As places are limited, meeting the selection criteria does not guarantee entry into the academy.

STAGE 4 — Ongoing Expectations (and LEAP Academy Continuation)

Students accepted into the LEAP Academy at Palmview State Secondary College are expected to maintain a high standard of commitment, effort, behaviour and academic performance consistent with the expectations of the academy.

To maintain their place in LEAP, students must meet and sustain the following academy requirements:

- maintain a **minimum “B” result or higher** in each of the four core subjects: **English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities**
- always maintain Good Standing, including:
 - attendance at or above **95%**
 - effort and behaviour grades of very good and above for all classes
 - no instances of unacceptable behaviour as defined by PSSC Code of Conduct
- complete all **homework, classwork and assessment** to your personal best.

As LEAP is designed to provide a rigorous and enriched learning environment for highly motivated learners, students are expected to actively contribute to a culture of excellence through strong academic engagement, positive behaviour, consistent effort and full participation in learning activities.

Where concerns arise regarding academic progress, effort, behaviour, engagement or attendance, students may be placed on a monitoring process. In these instances, the college will work collaboratively with students and families to provide feedback, targeted support and clear improvement expectations.

Continued failure to meet the academic, behavioural or engagement requirements of the LEAP Academy may result in a formal review of the student’s placement and potential removal from the academy.

What is the cost for the Leap Academy?

The Leap Academy cost for 2027 is \$150*. This includes the following:

- character strength and academic testing
- LEAP Deep Inquiry Project consumables and resources
- Guest speakers and incursions
- Study skills resources.

This cost does not include any excursions or camps.

*Final costs to be confirmed, awaiting responses from third party suppliers.

3. More about You

List any leadership, performance, or participation roles you have held over the past two years. This may include class or school leadership positions, sporting teams, music or arts involvement, and any roles, memberships, or achievements outside of school that you consider relevant.

As a representative of the LEAP Academy at Palmview State Secondary College, my/my child's responsibilities are to:

- Commit to the school values of Trust, Connect and Grow in all facets of learning and engagement and the Positive Relationships Agreement.
- Maintain a **minimum "B" result or higher** in each of the four core subjects: **English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities**
- Always maintain Good Standing, including:
 - attendance at or above **95%**
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 - no instances of unacceptable behaviour as defined by PSSC Code of Conduct
- Complete all **homework, classwork and assessment** to your personal best.
- Engage in extracurricular activities, performances, school community events if possible.
- Participate in academic competitions and testing, where applicable.
- Engage in all excursions and enrichment opportunities offered as part of the LEAP Academy.

Confirmation

- I understand that it is a requirement of Palmview State Secondary College that all outstanding school fees must be paid in full or an up-to-date payment plan in place, approved by the Business Manager.
- In submitting this form, I declare that the information supplied and the accompanying documentation, is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I/We confirm that my child and I have read the above and agree to these expectations.

Student	Name:	Signature:	Date:

Parent	Name:	Signature:	Date:

*Please submit LEAP Academy application alongside the Palmview State Secondary College enrolment application. These applications will be reviewed simultaneously. This application can only be processed with information collected from the enrolment application.

Documentary Evidence: **PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS All applications must include documentary evidence. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that **copies** of documentation are provided. Documents accompanying the applications WILL NOT be returned.