



Academy of Ideas

The Academy of Ideas (AOI) is an extra-curricular enrichment and extension program for Year 7 to 8 students at Cavendish Road State High School. The program continues as an elective subject in Year 9. It focuses on using a range of active and engaging contexts to support students to develop critical thinking, creativity and collaboration skills. The program includes incursions, excursions, camps and after school programs. The program in 2025 includes the following:

Year 7

12-week program of activities 2 groups in Trimester 2 and 1 group in Trimester 3.	A range of varied activities including robotics, making, engineering, science, art and philosophy.
Archeology	A half day incursion and full day excursion to Toowong Cemetery to conduct an archeological dig with a university professor.
QUT STEM Excursion	Full day excursion to QUT for robotic arm and design thinking workshops.
Hastings Point Ecology Camp	Conduct an ecological survey of the rock pools ecosystem and a microplastics survey of the beach and dunes.

Year 8

12-week program of activities 2 groups in Trimester 1 and 1 group in Trimester 3.	A range of varied activities including aviation, forensic archaeology, philosophy, pseudoscience, iSTEM and maker space making.
Griffith University Science Excursion	Experience science workshops at Nathan Campus this may be swapped with Dr Karl during World Science Fair.
SPARQ Ed	Conduct microbiology experiment in state-of-the art lab
Numinbah Valley Camp	Camp investigating Landscapes and Landforms + Biomes & Ecosystems with a focus on Springbrook Walks.

How to apply:

1. Complete and submit the AOI application form.
2. Successful students will then be offered a place in the Academy of Ideas.

Cost:

There is annual enrolment fee of \$30 to cover the cost of consumables used in the activities. There is an additional cost for excursions and camps to pay for transport, admission fees and accommodation.