



Maribyrnong Sports Academy General Frequently Asked Questions

How do I book a tour of the sports academy?

Sports academy tours are open for bookings at the start of each term via a booking link on our website. You will have an opportunity to visit our facilities, meet some of our students and staff, ask questions and experience our school's culture. [Here](#) is a link to our tour page.

Do I need to live within the zone to apply?

MSA is a select-entry program and is unzoned, so you do not need to be within the zone to be eligible for entry.

Is there a dedicated bus service to Maribyrnong College/MSA?

No we do not provide a bus service however Maribyrnong College is well serviced by public transport with the [#82 Tram](#) stopping at the college entrance.

Is there student accommodation/boarding?

We do not offer homestay through the school.

Do you accept international students into the program?

No, the program is for Australian residents only.

What does it cost to be part of the sports academy?

MSA is provided with funds by the Department of Education and Training (DET) to provide selected student-athletes access to services and program and an annual fee of \$400 applies to participate in the program.

Other charges for uniforms, participation in camps, excursions or international tours will also apply.

Golf athletes are required to pay a \$400 levy for membership fees.

Can my child still apply if they are participating in a sport that is not offered at MSA?

Yes, they can still apply as an associate athlete. They access all aspects of the program except for the High-Performance Coaching (HPC) sessions. They would continue their coaching outside of the program.

How many places do we offer for each sport and year level?

There is no specific number of places allocated for each sport.

We offer 75 places for entry into Year 7 and 25 places for entry into Year 9 each year. A very small number of places become available for entry into year 8,10,11 & 12 which is dependent on student-athletes exiting the program. Places at these year levels are offered to very high-level athletes and if a place becomes available all expressions of interest are considered and those of the applicable standard will be contacted.

What academic program is offered at Maribyrnong College?

We aim to provide challenging programs in all curriculum areas and have high expectations that students will strive to achieve their personal best. The Year 7-10 curriculum is based on the Victorian Curriculum. Students participate in a sequential curriculum program across the Key Learning Areas of; English / EAL, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, The Arts, Physical Education and Technology.

Students in Year 7 & 8 enrolled in the sports academy undertake a High-Performance Preparation subject instead of a language (LOTE). The college provides reports every five week's and the college achieved a mean VCE score of 30 in 2023.

Does Maribyrnong College offer a high academic achievers' program?

Yes, students entering the college can apply for the Advanced Curriculum Enrichment (ACE) program. Students may apply for both the Sports Academy and ACE program. When offers are made for the sports academy you will receive information on how to apply for the ACE program. Refer to page 4 of the [College Prospectus](#) for more information about ACE.

When do MSA student-athletes train?

Students (except for Associate Athletes) train in their elected sport either before or after school, following the High-Performance Coaching (HPC) timetable. They will also undertake High Performance Preparation Classes (HPP) with strength and conditioning staff during the school day as a timetabled class. (MSA students participate in HPP classes in place of a language elective).

Am I able to participate in interschool sport other than my chosen MSA sport?

Student-athletes will have full access to all inter-school programs offered through School Sport Victoria. We encourage participation in other interest areas outside of the sports academy program. ie: social or organised sport.

How often do MSA athletes compete.

This varies depending on the sport however we offer a variety of opportunities for athletes to compete in select competitions and tournaments. These range from SSV, Premier League through to State, National and International events.

At MSA we offer an individual development and training model and not a competition model. Generally, student-athletes are not expected to compete outside of the school day or weekends to represent the college.