



Redcliffe State High School

2024

**Dangerous
Minds**

Extension Program



Year 7 Extension Program Dangerous Minds 2024 Application Checklist

Please ensure you have completed the requirements listed below to successfully submit your application.

Requirement	✓
Application form completed and attached	
Your child's two most recent report cards attached	
Your child's most recent NAPLAN report	

You may also include any other documentation you think might help establish your child's suitability in English/ Humanities excellence program. This could include certificates, awards, competition entries and extended pieces of writing

All POE and EP applications must be emailed no later than **Friday 28th July 2023** to poeapplications@redcliffeshs.eq.edu.au

Important Dates

Wednesday 17th May 2023
Friday 28th July 2023

Applications Open
Applications Close



School Background

Redcliffe State High School is one of the oldest and proudest schools on the Peninsula. The school opened for business in 1958 and set as the motto of the school '**Faire Sans Dire**'. In translation this means **Deeds without Words**. At Redcliffe we believe in the importance of our actions. To this end, Redcliffe is committed to providing quality education in a manner that reflects the needs of today's students.

Our School's Statement of Intent

Our school's vision calls for all of our students to go "Above and Beyond" and this applies to the many facets of learning and the wider school experience at Redcliffe SHS. However, for our Extension Program students there will be a greater expectation that in all aspects of school life they will go above and beyond, extending their ability as they strive for personal excellence. Furthermore, it is expected that the Extension Program students represent our school in extra-curricular activities as another means of learning in the world-wide community.

Extension Program – Dangerous Minds

Students in the Humanities and English Extension Program, Dangerous Minds, will undertake their learning of English and Social Science subjects, including History and Geography, at a level which demands excellence of students, which in turn, enables outstanding student achievement.

The goals of this program are to:

- Improve academic student outcomes for motivated, highly performing English/Humanities students.
- Encourage students to have new experiences, gain new skills, become more confident and achieve greater independence.
- Meet the specific learning needs of students via a fast paced, enriched curriculum.
- Create an engagement with English and Humanities concepts, issues and ideas that involve leadership within the school and wider community.
- Provide junior students with enhanced readiness to manage the academic demands of senior subjects.
- Promote and enforce high expectations surrounding attendance, behaviour and academic performance for all students involved in the program.

A student enters Dangerous Minds as a Year 7 student and may continue this level of learning through to Year 9. After this point, students are encouraged to continue their studies in the English and Humanities fields.

Dangerous Minds

Benefits to Course Participants

Enrolment in Dangerous Minds provides students with an avenue to engage in an enriched and accelerated curriculum with like-minded peers, and to experience success in extra-curricular activities in these fields.

Students in Dangerous Minds engage in deeper thinking skills and strategies with the aims to:

- develop active citizens of the 21st Century who are able to solve problems by thinking clearly, analytically and creatively
- foster an appreciation for the processes of Humanities and aspects of science by dealing directly with the underlying rational bases of such fields as natural and social science, history, economics, philosophy, geography, civics and citizenship
- cultivate an improved understanding of the underlying cultural, social, moral and religious structures of our world

What are we looking for?

Students with demonstrated potential in English and the Social Sciences.

As a school, we recognise that Humanities subjects are fundamental in meeting the educational goals of young Australians, providing students access to relevant skills and an enhanced capacity for informed citizenship, critical thinking and awareness.

Selection criteria

Students should consider submitting an application if they:

- have a passion for reading;
- have earned at least Bs consistently for English and Social Science;
- enjoy public speaking and are willing to work as part of a team.

To be eligible for inclusion in the Dangerous Minds Extension Program, students will have to submit their application package by the promoted timelines.

Using the evidence provided in the application package the Heads of Department will subsequently notify the Principal of the successful applicants. The Principal reserves the right to make the final decision with regard to applications which have not been successful. It is also the right of the Principal to offer/decline enrolment to students adhering to our school's Enrolment Management Plan.

Catchment Area for Enrolment

The Dangerous Minds Extension Program is open to students who meet the criteria of residence within the catchment area of Redcliffe State High School.

Students who live outside the catchment area of Redcliffe State High School cannot be considered for this Dangerous Minds Extension Program, unless they are offered a place in the school via another approved POE or via the Wait List, as per the School's Enrolment Management Plan.

Dangerous Minds

Behaviour, Participation and Attendance Expectations

A student will remain eligible as a course participant if they continue to meet the excellent standards upon which their acceptance was initially determined.

Students enrolled in Programs of Excellence must maintain a high level of achievement in all classes in order to keep their position in the program.

At any time after the program has commenced Redcliffe State High School reserves the right to remove a student from an Extension Program for reasons of behaviour, attendance or academic suitability. This allows all students enrolled at the school to work to their potential in the correct classroom environment for them.

If a student elects to move to mainstream learning, written communication from parents will be necessary. Depending on timetabling considerations, it may not be possible to immediately accommodate this change.

Students who are selected into the Dangerous Minds Excellence Program will be committed to the course for a minimum of 2 years, unless the student does not meet the expectations outlined above as determined by the Program Manager.

How to Apply

- Complete the attached application form, including supporting documentation as requested
- Applicant's two most recent report card **MUST** be submitted with the application.
(No application will be viewed unless it includes your latest 2 reports)
- All POE and EP applications must be lodged electronically to poeapplications@redcliffeshs.eq.edu.au no later than **Friday 28th July 2023**.

Course and Resource Fees

Students in Dangerous Minds will need access to a range of texts and the school's webpage to fully participate in the course. Therefore, continued enrolment in Dangerous Minds is contingent upon Student Resource Scheme (SRS) fees having been paid or having an agreed payment plan in place.

Participation in excursions and external competitions will incur further costs. Therefore, these monies are expected to be paid in addition to the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) fees, ensuring that all students can fully participate in the extra-curriculum activities which are expected of students accepted into the Dangerous Minds Extension Program.

A full review of our Student Resource Scheme and Program of Excellence Fees will be conducted in Term 2, 2023. As a guide for 2024 fees please refer to our school website, Curriculum - Programs of Excellence – Schedule of POE Fees 2023.

Should you have any questions about the program, please contact the Head of Department -English, Mrs Rachel Lowe on (07) 3897 1111.



Dangerous Minds Humanities and English Excellence Program 2024 Application Form

Personal Details

Student's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Details

Parent 1: Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

Mobile No: _____

Parent 2: Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

Mobile No: _____

I understand that there are limited places in the Extension Program – Dangerous Minds and that submission of an application form does not mean automatic acceptance into the Program.

Parent/Carer Signature

Date

IMPORTANT: All POE and EP applications must be lodged electronically to poeapplications@redcliffeshs.eq.edu.au, no later than **Friday 28 July 2023**. Out of catchment students who are accepted into a POE will be contacted to lodge an enrolment application.

Dangerous Minds Year 7

Program Specific Information

Present School: _____

Current Teacher: _____

Teacher Contact Phone No: _____

About Me

Please list any extra-curricular activities that you have done or continue to do which may be relevant (e.g. public speaking, drama groups, Scouts/Guides, involvement in MSReadathon).

List the books/novels you have read in the last month.

Please include any additional information you consider relevant to your application.

Dangerous Minds

Photograph of Applicant:

Please attach an image of the applicant. The photo needs to be of just the student with no costumes, animals or other children.

Attach Image here.

Digital or Hard Copy

Declaration of Your Intent

In keeping with Redcliffe SHS's Statement of Intent in which it is stated that it is the expectation of all students to exhibit truth, honesty and integrity, by signing the following we are declaring that information contained in and attached to this application is correct and complete. We understand that the provision of misleading information may lead to the cancellation of the application. Additionally, we understand and accept the expectations for students enrolled in *RSHS Programs of Excellence* as stated in this document.

SIGNED: _____

(Applicant)

WITNESSED: _____

(Parent/Guardian)

DATE: _____