

FREMANTLE COLLEGE  
**Frequently Asked Questions**  
**2023 Approved Specialist Programs**

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**General Specialist Program Questions**

**1. Are there additional costs for students involved in Specialist programs?**

*Yes, our Specialist programs do incur additional charges and the college requires 50% payment the year prior to starting to secure your child's place. Information on these charges can be found on the Approved Specialist Programs application form on our website:  
<https://fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/applications-for-approved-specialist-programs/>*

**2. When do the applications need to be submitted for Specialist programs?**

*Applications for Specialist programs should be received by Friday 20 May 2022.*

**3. Do I need to apply for the Gifted and Talented program to be able to apply for a Specialist program?**

*No, the Specialist program applications are made directly to the college and are independent of the Gifted and Talented application process, which is completed through the Department of Education.*

**4. Can my child apply for more than one Specialist program?**

*Yes, your child can apply for more than one program. If your child is offered a position in more than one program (excluding the Gifted and Talented Program) the timetable may prevent involvement in both so a choice will be necessary. Many programs require additional time outside of school and we recommend discussing student workload prior to accepting more than one program offer.*

**5. Can a student apply for a Specialist program in Years 7 to 10?**

*Yes, students may apply for Specialist programs and Academies in all year groups, if the program is offered and places are available. The college has an internal application process and students are able to apply throughout the year. A selection process is undertaken each semester with offers made to successful applicants, if spaces are available.*

**6. How will I be informed of the selection process?**

*All communication is via email. You will be notified of the date and time of the selection process. Please reply to this email to confirm that you have received this information and are able to attend.*

*You will also be notified of the outcome of the selection process by email. Unfortunately, we are unable to give individualised feedback if your child's application is unsuccessful.*

**7. If I have missed the application close date can I still apply for a Specialist program?**

*You can still submit a late application; however this application will only be considered if we have availability after the first round of selection processes.*

## **Specialist Marine Studies Program**

**1. My child attends private swimming lessons. How do I know if this is equivalent to Department of Education Swimming Level 8?**

*We have liaised with many local and private swim school venues to establish the comparable levels with their programs. Please submit your certificate along with your application form and we can advise you accordingly.*

**2. My child is an excellent swimmer. Are they likely to be offered a position in the Specialist Marine Studies program?**

*A high level of swimming ability is necessary to meet the safety requirements of the program. The Specialist Marine Studies Program is an advanced academic program and your child will also need to demonstrate a high level of academic ability.*

**3. How is my child assessed for the Specialist Marine Studies Program?**

*The selection process is based on a short interview, NAPLAN results and Year 5 school report. Swimming ability is not used as part of the selection process other than to confirm eligibility (Level 8 or above) to be part of the program.*

## **Specialist Contemporary Music Program**

**8. How is my child assessed for Specialist Contemporary Music Program?**

*The selection process is based on an audition, NAPLAN results and Year 5 school report.*

**9. What do students have to do for the audition?**

*The audition consists of a performance of two songs, four aptitude exercises and a short interview. For this reason, your child will need to prepare two short contrasting pieces/songs to perform on their chosen instrument(s).*

## **Specialist ICT Program**

**10. How is my child assessed for Specialist ICT?**

*The selection process is based on the presentation of an individual project, NAPLAN results and Year 5 school report.*

**11. What do they have to do for the project?**

*They should prepare to 'show and tell' an ICT project they have undertaken. This may include:*

- *a power point presentation*
- *portfolio of work*
- *Minecraft or similar*
- *robotics*
- *electronics*
- *coding, or*
- *anything related to ICT that you are doing at home or school.*

*They can bring an IPAD or Laptop to show us their work, pen and paper, or use any medium they would like, including just talking.*

**12. Will they need a particular laptop or device for the Specialist ICT Program?**

*These students use the computer labs for their ICT lessons so are only required to bring the same device as other students, as detailed in the BYOD policy.*

**Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Academic Program**

**13. How do I apply for the Gifted and Talented program?**

*Fremantle College's Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Academic Program is a Department of Education Secondary Selective Program. Students wishing to be involved in this program must apply online through the Department, and applications are open from October (Year 5) through February (Year 6).*

*<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/web/at-school/gifted-and-talented-programs>. Testing takes place in March and students are offered places directly from the Department of Education. The funded program provides students with a rich curriculum that is compacted and differentiated for their particular needs. Students may also apply for the entry into the Gifted and Talented program in Year 8,9 and 10.*

**14. Can my child participate in a Specialist Program if they are in the Gifted and Talented program?**

*Yes. Students in the Gifted and Talented program are able to apply for any of the Specialist programs. The Specialist programs are timetabled to run alongside, and will complement, the Gifted and Talented program.*

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