

Question on Notice

No. 552

Asked on 17 April 2007

Mr Copeland asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Academies as at 19 April 2007—

How many students have enrolled at the (a) new Academy for Health Sciences at the Gold Coast, (b) Academy for Creative Industries at Kelvin Grove and (c) Academy for Mathematics, Science and Technology at Toowong?

ANSWER:

The new Queensland Academies cater for the state's best and brightest high school students. The Academies offer students many benefits, including state-of-the-art facilities, industry experience, the opportunity to fast-track tertiary study and individually mentored learning.

Recruitment and selection for the 2008 school year is currently occurring and students are being encouraged to apply. The Academy for Mathematics, Science and Technology and the Academy for Creative Industries are open to students entering Year 10 next year, while the Academy for Health Sciences has places for students who will be in Years 10 and 11.

In regard to the Member's specific inquiries, as at 19 April 2007 student enrolment numbers are:

- (a) 0 - the Academy for Health Sciences opens in 2008
- (b) 90
- (c) 225