



Queensland Virtual Academy



# Targeted and specialist virtual programs



The Queensland Virtual Academy (QVA) is a statewide, cohesive approach to increasing equity in student access to curriculum pathways, learning opportunities, and teaching expertise. The QVA enhances access to learning opportunities for students regardless of where they live by leveraging digital and virtual learning.

Targeted and specialist virtual programs will increase equitable access to diverse enrichment opportunities and learning through virtual programs that provide personalised learning for students.

## QVA services

The 4 services provided by the QVA are:

- **Live online lessons:** virtual learning is delivered to students in difficult-to-staff learning areas or subjects by a QVA partner school teacher to students in another school.
- **On-demand learning materials:** the QVA provides access to learning materials that assist teachers to more confidently deliver the curriculum.
- **Schools teaching to other schools:** through school-initiated partnerships, schools work together to deliver curriculum and learning opportunities.
- **Targeted and specialist virtual programs:** these programs enrich curriculum for targeted students and support schools to further personalise student learning.



<b>Targeted and specialist virtual programs</b>	
<b>What are targeted and specialist virtual programs?</b>	<p>The targeted and specialist virtual programs provide enriched or enhanced learning for identified groups of students.</p> <p>The programs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• additional learning opportunities to the core curriculum requirements outlined in the P-12 curriculum, assessment and reporting framework (P-12 Framework)</li> <li>• aligned with the Australian Curriculum</li> <li>• an opportunity for students to connect and engage with others who seek similar learning experiences.</li> </ul>
<b>What programs are currently available?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queensland Virtual STEM Academy: courses to expand and enhance science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) opportunities for students in Years 5 to 9 through enriching and challenging courses.</li> <li>• Solid Pathways STEM Program: a program for high-achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 4 to 6 promoting STEM capabilities and nurturing scientific curiosity through critical and creative thinking.</li> </ul>
<b>How are the programs created and delivered?</b>	<p>The programs are school developed or system initiatives designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• address a particular cohort or focussed learning need</li> <li>• provide enrichment and extension learning opportunities</li> <li>• provide schools with additional opportunities for their students</li> <li>• be delivered and accessed through digital and virtual learning.</li> </ul> <p>The QVA acts to identify, coordinate and quality assure programs in partnership with the delivery schools and sites. Each program has a school-based site responsible for program scheduling and student registration processes.</p>
<b>How can schools engage with the programs?</b>	<p>Schools will be able to connect with the programs through the QVA. Programs will also be advertised statewide via departmental communication channels.</p> <p>Schools will work with the program coordination site to receive specific information about the program content, schedule and students' eligibility and registration.</p>
<b>How do schools participate?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools should consider the opportunities and implications of participating in the QVA. They should undertake appropriate internal and external consultation to determine how their involvement with the QVA can address specific curriculum and learning needs of students.</li> <li>• Each program will have specific student selection or eligibility requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>What are the benefits of participating?</b>	<p>The benefits of participating include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enrich and/or enhance learning for identified groups of students</li> <li>• deepen learning by enabling students to connect and engage with others who seek similar learning experiences</li> <li>• enhance access to quality, specialised programs that provide personalised, differentiated support through enrichment opportunities for students of specific cohorts or learning need</li> <li>• flexible, opt-in courses based on student aspirations, interests, and point-in-time school experience</li> <li>• grow and extend students' capability in digital and virtual learning.</li> </ul>
<b>Want to know more?</b>	<p>Additional information sheets for the QVA services will be available, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QVA overview</li> <li>• live online lessons</li> <li>• on-demand learning materials</li> <li>• schools teaching to other schools.</li> </ul>