

BRISBANE/QLD

AGES 8-14

PATHWAY MAP

AIRBOTIX FAMILY GUIDES

What are the pathways for high-ability children in Brisbane?

On-campus support, enrichment, Brilliant Futures and Queensland Academies

Queensland does not have a NSW OC style unified route. First ask how the current school supports it, and then differentiate between enrichment and later selective entry.

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Brisbane Families with children aged 8-14



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Four-layer path map

Hierarchy	What should parents do first	What should not be misunderstood
Current school differentiation	Ask about extension, acceleration, and wellbeing with specific evidence of learning	"If there are no special classes in the school, there will be no support"
In-school/out-of-school enrichment	Verify actual tasks, time, expenses and child's wishes	Automatically obtain selective entry
Brilliant Futures	Check out QACI's current Year 7-8 program	Queensland General OC
Queensland Academies	Check the three schools separately for Year 10 selective entry	catchment automatic admission

The Queensland Department of Education says all state schools should support gifted, talented, high ability, high potential or high achieving students, but specific programs are decided by the school and the community.

02

Talk to your current school first

- On what tasks does the child need deeper, faster or different forms of challenge?
- How does the school identify needs and record progress?
- Can I do curriculum compacting, subject extension, mentoring or acceleration?
- How can socialization, stress, perfectionism and wellbeing be supported?
- Who will review the test next semester and on what basis?

Don't just take a test or parent label and ask for a set plan; bringing work, class feedback, and ongoing observation are more helpful.

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Queensland Academies is not the primary school entrance

The three Academies focus on Creative Industries, Health Sciences, and Science Mathematics and Technology, respectively, for senior years, with IB Diploma as the core. The standard entrance to QACI is Year 10, and admission is automatic without catchment.

The QACI Year 10 2027 page shows late applications accepted on 2026-06-10 and lists a \$270 standard / \$300 late application fee; these amounts and status must be reconfirmed on the day of payment.

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Brilliant Futures To be watched separately

QACI Brilliant Futures is a two-year preparation/enrichment initiative in Years 7–8. The 2027/8 page was open to current Year 6 at the time and listed the 2026–10–17 test. Participation does not guarantee a Year 10 QACI offer.

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Family Comparison Chart

Record for each path: what the child actually does, who provides feedback, hours per week, commute, costs, exit rules, wellbeing risks, and the date of the next formal review. Choose a challenge that lasts, not the project with the loudest name.

Official source

- [Queensland gifted and talented education ↗](#)
- [QACI Year 10 enrolments ↗](#)
- [QACI Brilliant Futures ↗](#)
- [Queensland Academies enrolments ↗](#)

About Airbotix

Airbotix's project curriculum allows children to think and iterate through work demonstrations, but it is not a gifted diagnosis and is not tied to Queensland Academies admission.

NEXT STEP

Don't regard one path as the only answer

School support and Academy admission are subject to the school's current information; please contact Airbotix for course activities.

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Airbotix Resources

View more information on homeschooling options.



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Contact Rain

Consult Airbotix course activities and do not provide Academy admission judgment.



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SOURCE

Queensland official entrance

Check out gifted and talented education with Queensland Academies.



[Queensland Department of Education](#) ↗