

Programs of Excellence (GIEP, MEX, Ken-X) Enrolment Guide for Year 7 in 2026



Education for Life

KENMORE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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Programs of Excellence



Ken-X Program

Ken-X is a 3-year program designed to engage and challenge our brightest young minds to be successful in a rapidly-evolving future. Students undertaking this program will have exposure to new and innovative learning experiences, and solve real-world problems with the aid of emerging technologies, viewed through the lens of self, community and the world. Learning experiences have a strong focus on innovation and entrepreneurship, and are structured to support the development of the six 21st century learning competencies – critical thinking, creativity, communication, collaboration, character and citizenship.

German Immersion and Extension Program

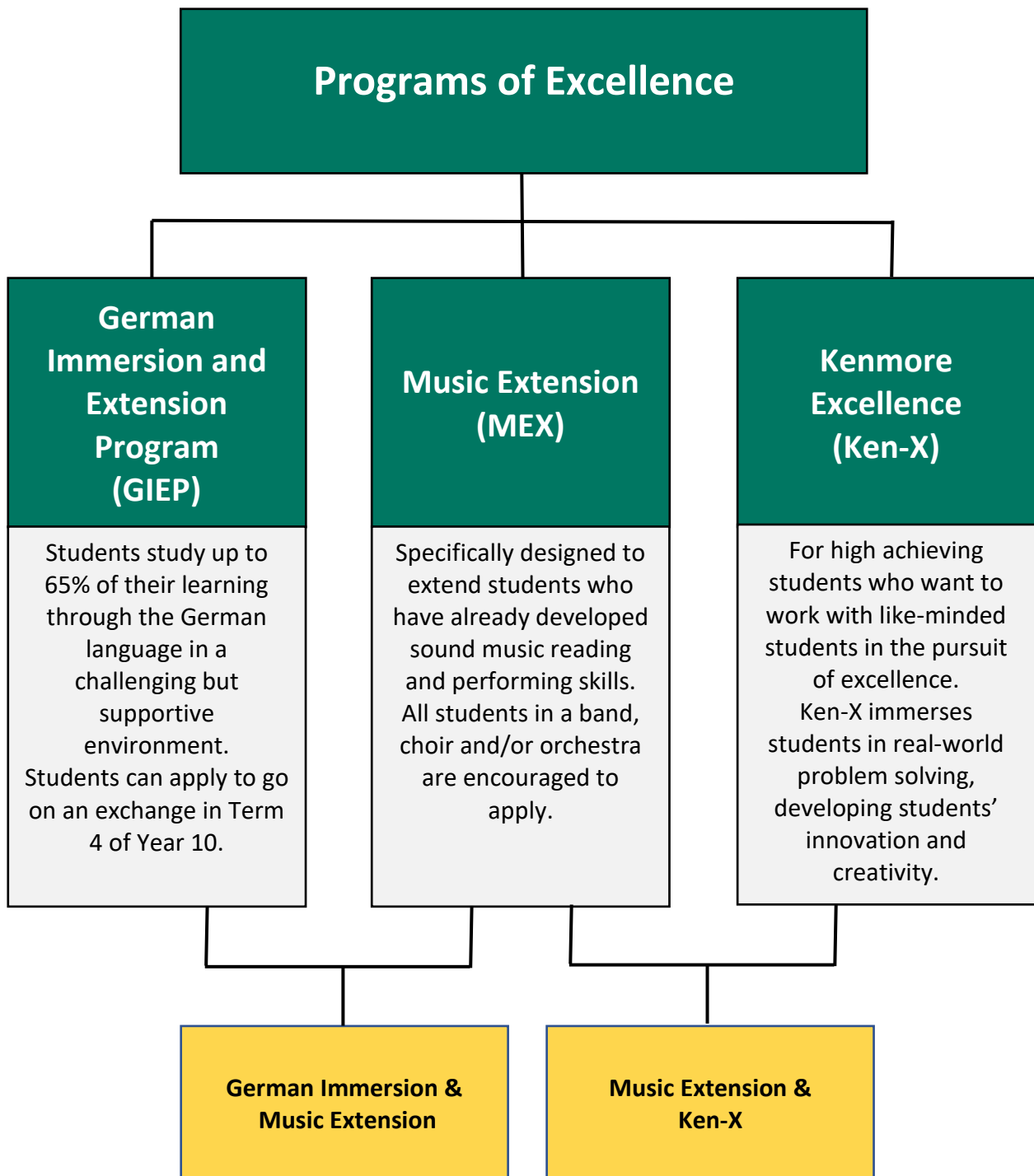
The German Immersion and Extension Program (GIEP) is a program of academic excellence offering students in the broader school community a unique opportunity to become highly proficient in German. It is designed for students who have little or no previous speaking background in German. The program involves teaching a number of subjects using German as an educational language that bridges the love of learning with the beautiful German language.

Music Extension Program

Music Extension (MEX) is a program specifically designed for students who have already developed sound music reading and performance skills during their primary years of education. This exciting program provides a unique opportunity for students to refine their musicianship skills in a supportive and challenging environment alongside peers who share their passion for music.

The MEX program involves a range of creative performance opportunities such as full-class, small group, and solo performances where students gain confidence and proficiency in multiple instruments, including guitar and keyboard, as well as developing their aural skills.

Programs of Excellence Flowchart



For more information about the school's Program of Excellence, visit:

www.kenmoreshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/programs-of-excellence

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I apply for more than one Program of Excellence?	Students can apply for more than one Program of Excellence. Refer to the Program of Excellence Flowchart to see which programs students can participate in.
How do I apply for a Program of Excellence?	To be considered for conditional entry in our Programs of Excellence, parents and students are required to complete the online Program of Excellence Application Form. Refer to the school's website for important documentation and dates.
Are there any application fees?	A non-refundable administration fee of \$200.00 applies for a Program of Excellence application. If applying for multiple programs, only one administration fee is required.
Can I accept a place in more than one program?	Students will only receive one offer into a program (this includes combined programs).
What happens after I accept a place in a Program of Excellence?	Students must attend Accelerate Program workshops in 2025 with dates and details to be provided to successful applicants, as well as attend an enrolment interview in Year 6 for Year 7 2026.
How is the timetable structure different from mainstream classes?	There is an excellent comparison of timetable structures at the front of the <i>Junior Secondary Curriculum Handbook</i> (available on the school's website). You will be able to compare across courses and with the mainstream timetable.
How many places are offered in Ken-X, MEX & GIEP?	Our Enrolment Management Plan (EMP) provides for up to two (2) classes of each Program of Excellence per year level.
If I am successful in securing entry into a Program of Excellence, am I required to attend the Accelerate Program?	Once you have accepted a position in our Program of Excellence your student will be invited to attend the compulsory Accelerate Program workshops during your Year 6. Dates and details will be provided to successful applicants at a later date.
I live outside catchment and haven't been offered a place in a Program of Excellence - can I still enrol?	Students not offered a place in an excellence program are welcome to apply for Year 7 enrolment.
Can I apply for entry into a Program of Excellence after the application closing date?	Applications received after the closing date will be placed on the waitlist and parents will be contacted only if positions become available.
Am I required to attend an interview?	All students are required to attend a Year 7 Enrolment Interview including those who have received an offer for conditional entry into a Program of Excellence. Enrolment interviews will be held on Saturday 14 June 2025. More information will be provided to parents closer to the time.
Who do I contact if I need further information about Programs of Excellence?	GIEP – Ms Chrissie Geuthner (GIEP@kenmoreshs.eq.edu.au) MEX – Ms Jo Willett (MEX@kenmoreshs.eq.edu.au) Ken-X – Mr Daniel Robins (Ken-X@kenmoreshs.eq.edu.au)

Programs of Excellence – Year 7 in 2026

Music Extension Program of Excellence Selective Entry (MEX)	
Test bookings and payment due date	Wednesday 4 June 2025
Live auditions date	Saturday 14 June 2025

German Immersion Program of Excellence Selective Entry (GIEP)	
Test bookings and payment due date	Wednesday 4 June 2025
30-minute Test date	Saturday 14 June 2025

Kenmore Excellence Program Selective Entry (Ken-X)	
Test bookings and payment due date	Wednesday 4 June 2025
1-hour Test date	Saturday 14 June 2025

Enrolment Interviews	
All students are required to attend a Year 7 Enrolment Interview on Saturday 14 June 2025 with all interviews to be held on this day. Bookings are essential.	
Bookings open	7:00am Monday 26 May 2025
Bookings close	7:00pm Wednesday 4 June 2025
Interview date	Saturday 14 June 2025
Book your enrolment interview via www.kenmoreshs.eq.edu.au/enrolments/enrolling-at-our-school	

Please note that limited places remain available for Year 7 2026 Programs of Excellence given that applications have moved to Year 5 conditional entry. Students can still apply for 2026 (if currently in Year 6) for remaining places and testing will be conducted on enrolment day, Saturday 14 June 2025 for GIEP and Ken-X. MEX live auditions are to be held on Saturday 14 June 2025.

Application Process – Year 7 in 2026

German Immersion	Music Extension	Ken-X
<p>Step 1: Read the German Immersion brochure (on website).</p> <p>Step 2: Download the Enrolment Application Booklet for Year 7 in 2026 (booklets available on the school's website from May).</p> <p>Step 3: Book an enrolment interview for Saturday 14 June 2025. This is the only available date for enrolment interviews and bookings are essential – refer to the Year 7, 2026 Enrolment Timelines. Allow 30 minutes before or after the interview for your student to complete a GIEP Entrance Questionnaire.</p> <p>Step 4: Attend our pre-booked enrolment interview on Saturday 14 June 2025. Bring the completed Enrolment Application Booklet for Year 7 in 2026 with all supporting documentation. Students are to attend a GIEP Entrance Questionnaire 30 minutes before or after their interview (last entry time in 2:30pm).</p> <p>Important Note: If your student has already had a GIEP Entrance Interview and been offered a placement in 2026, you do not need to complete the Entrance Questionnaire, but you do need to book an enrolment interview.</p>	<p>Step 1: Read the Year 6 Music Extension (MEX) Audition Requirements for 2026 document (on website).</p> <p>Step 2: Download the Enrolment Application Booklet for Year 7 in 2026 (booklets available on the school's website from May).</p> <p>Step 3: Book an enrolment interview for Saturday 14 June 2025. This is the only available date for enrolment interviews and bookings are essential – refer to the Year 7, 2026 Enrolment Timelines.</p> <p>Step 4: Attend our pre-booked enrolment interview on Saturday 14 June 2025. Bring the completed Enrolment Application Booklet for Year 7 in 2026 with all supporting documentation and attend the MEX live audition.</p> <p>Important Note: Once your student has attended an enrolment Interview, completed their live audition and submitted supporting documentation, a panel will then meet to review applications. Notification will be provided to these audition applicants by email.</p>	<p>Step 1: Read the Ken-X brochure (on website).</p> <p>Step 2: Download the Enrolment Application Booklet for Year 7 in 2026 (booklets available on the school's website from May).</p> <p>Step 3: Book an enrolment interview for Saturday 14 June 2025. This is the only available date for enrolment interviews and bookings are essential – refer to the Year 7, 2026 Enrolment Timelines.</p> <p>Step 4: Attend our pre-booked enrolment interview on Saturday 14 June 2025. Bring the completed Enrolment Application Booklet for Year 7 in 2026 with all supporting documentation. Be sure to complete the Program of Excellence EOI indicating your intention to apply for Ken-X. Students are to attend an ACER test and Entrance Challenge one hour before or after their interview. All components must be completed by 3:00pm.</p> <p>Important Note: On the day of the enrolment interview, students who have applied for Ken-X will be asked to respond to two challenges. You will need to allow one hour before or after their interview to complete the test and challenges and you need to book an enrolment interview.</p>

German Immersion & Music Extension	Music Extension & Ken-X
Step 1: Follow the steps for GIEP as above.	Step 1: Follow the steps for Ken-X as above.
Step 2: Follow the admissions process for the Music Extension Program. Complete the MEX Audition and required supporting documentation.	Step 2: Follow the admissions process for the Music Extension Program. Complete the MEX Audition and required supporting documentation.
Programs of Excellence enrolment applications close Wednesday 4 June 2025	
Please note: A non-refundable administration fee of \$200.00 must be paid by Wednesday 4 June 2025 for Excellence Programs.	

Methods of Payment

EFT		QKR! App	EFTPOS
Account	Kenmore State High School	(Download Qkr! – Register – Find our school – Register your children)	Payment Desk hours are
BSB	064-152		8.00am to 1.50pm
Account #	0009 0103	Select menu – select child – select items - checkout	
Reference	2026EXCEL Student Name		
Any queries please contact Finance Team 3327 1503 or finance@kenmorehs.eq.edu.au			

Enrolment Timelines - Year 7 in 2026

2025	
Open Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School tours, subject and extra-curricular interactive stalls, enrolment information sessions Register via kenmoreshs.eq.edu.au/enrolments/open-days 	Term 2 Saturday 24 May 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm
Book an Enrolment Interview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students need to have a Year 7 interview Book your enrolment interview via kenmoreshs.eq.edu.au/enrolments/enrolling-at-our-school 	Term 2 Bookings open 7.00am Monday 26 May 2025 Bookings close 7.00pm Wednesday 4 June 2025
Enrolment Interviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting to know your child Print and bring your enrolment pack to your interview Enrolment documentation collected KEN-X, GIEP & MEX Testing completed for limited remaining places Enrolment interviews available only on this date 	Term 2 Saturday 14 June 2025 8:00am – 3:00pm
Final Program of Excellence Offers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers for specialist programs (Ken-X, MEX, GIEP) Acceptance/non-acceptance of these offers due 18th July In catchment & previously accepted excellence programs 	Term 2 Week 10 - 27 June 2025
Subsequent offers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All remaining out of catchment enrolment offers 	Term 3 Week 6 - 22 August 2025
Uniform Fittings & Orders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visits to alliance primary schools for fittings / orders Also available at Kenmore SHS Uniform Shop More information and dates available in primary newsletters late Term 3 2025 	Term 4 Weeks 6 & 7
Orientation Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School tour Getting to know classmates and teachers Draft timetables distributed Bus orientation 	Term 4 Week 9 – Friday 5 December 2025

Please note dates and times are subject to change. Please refer to the school's website for the most up-to-date information.