

Academy 2026



The *Academy Program* at Port Hacking High School provides a specialised and structured platform for high potential student athletes to pursue excellence in their chosen sport while maintaining a strong focus on academic achievement and holistic development.

Targeted at students from Years 7–10, the Academy identifies individuals who show advanced skills, performance capability, and motivation in Football and Dance. Selected students will participate in an enriched program that includes:

- Skill development and advanced coaching sessions - By professional bodies

Football Boys Affiliated with Sharks FC	Football Girls Affiliated with Sharks FC	Dance
Coach: Paul Reid Former Socceroo and current U17 Australian Joeys Assistant Coach Coached in the NSW NPL for a number of years now from Mens to Youth football Currently holds an AFC A-Licence	Coach: Steve Gordon Current Illawarra Stingrays First Grade Women's Head Coach Currently holds an AFC A-Licence	Teacher: Elka Holden-Price Bachelor of Dance (Performance) from the Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA), where she maintained a High Distinction average in technique and performance.

- Strength and conditioning tailored to sport specific needs
- Performance testing and fitness testing
- Technique development
- Opportunities for competition at Gala days, CHS and projection for sports tours of Australia.
- Mentoring from elite athletes and coaches
- Video Analysis and skill development
- Wellbeing support and education on nutrition, injury prevention, and sports psychology
- Academy Camp December 2026
- Tours of NSW for Tournaments
- Alignment with school sport structures and academic timetabling

