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ROWVILLE INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS 2020 MODIFIED AUDITION SESSIONS Q & A

How do I apply for RIA?

Our main audition sessions for students seeking to obtain new enrolment to RIA for 2021 or Semester 2, 2020 were held in June and October.

Further students who are seeking to obtain new enrolment to RIA at any year level for commencement in 2021 can now apply for our late application auditions. These students will need to complete an application and upload an “audition” (details below).

Before applying for a place, all potential applicants must complete an [Expression of Interest](#), and wait to be contacted by RIA Administrator, Jenn Walter.

Once you have received instructions from Jenn Walter, applications must be made in writing and posted or delivered along with all other requested documents, to RIA at Rowville Secondary College, Eastern Campus as per the instructions outlined in the [RIA Application Pack](#).

How will RIA Auditions be held this year?

On receipt of your application, you will be emailed a unique link to an online folder to which you will need to upload your audition as per the details in the [2020 Modified Audition Pack](#).

If you are having issues uploading your audition, please contact RIA Administrator, Jenn Walter at ria@rowvillesc.vic.edu.au as soon as possible.

Is there an audition fee?

An administration fee of \$15 needs to be made via Trybooking at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BIEZH>

Please note, even if you are auditioning for two specialisms, you only need to pay for one audition. In addition to paying the fee, a full application needs to be submitted by the required date (RIA Information/Application Pack is available on the [RIA website](#)).

Is this the only way we can audition in 2020?

Yes, all RIA auditions conducted in 2020 will be via online audition submission.

What tips do you suggest for giving the best representation of my child through this process?

Nervousness is a part of life and all children should be encouraged to pursue their dreams and not be put off by feeling uncomfortable. The best way of controlling nerves is to be confident, and this can be

achieved through thorough preparation. Make sure you and your child have read through the 2020 Modified Audition Pack so you know what will be required of them.

As we are unable to meet face-to-face with your child, all of the specialisms require/request your child to upload a video to introduce themselves and talk about why they would like to join the RIA program. Encourage your child to be confident, talk clearly and allow their true personalities to shine through. We recommend doing a number of practices on-camera and allowing the child to review and redo until they feel comfortable with what they're sending through. Parents might help this process by acting as an interviewer, or the child may feel more comfortable doing this alone.

What should my child wear in the video and where should it be filmed?

Students should be dressed smartly, comfortably, and suitably to the type of audition they will be undertaking. Videos should be filmed in a well-lit space that gives your child enough room to do what is asked in their audition. This may be in a common space in your house (no bedrooms), or outside (please make sure audio is clear if working outside).

Does my child need to audition for two specialisms?

It is not mandatory to audition for more than one specialism. Students at RIA have one chosen specialism, however there are two reasons a child may wish to audition for two specialisms:

1. They are finding it difficult to choose which specialism they would like to pursue. After the auditions have been assessed, if the RIA Director finds that the student has done equally well in both, we will ask them to choose which one they would like to enrol in.
2. Sometimes a specialism class may be at full capacity. It's a good idea to have a back-up audition for a second specialism just in case the class is/becomes full. While this is particularly the case for our more popular specialisms, Dance and Visual Arts, as we never know how many applications we are going to receive for any one specialism, it's a good idea to have a back-up. **It's important to remember, however, that your child should only audition for a second specialism if they are willing to accept a place in that class.**

If your child elects to audition for two specialisms, links to two online folders will be sent to you, and your child will need to complete all requirements for each audition. Please note, even if you are auditioning for two specialisms, you only need to pay for one audition.

How will it be determined whether my child has met the required standards for gaining a place in RIA?

The uploaded audition material will be assessed by the RIA specialism teachers. The teachers will summarise their notes on a prepared rubric which provides advice to the RIA Director on each prospective student's performance. They will have taken into account the attributes which lead to the realisation of potential such as artistic and creative talent, learning capability, art specific intelligence and general attitude.

The RIA Director will also have received, read and analysed each student's most recent school report. Attitude and work effort represented by things like completion of set tasks, personal best achievements and seeking feedback to improve will be key requirements being considered.

When and how will I be notified whether my child has met the requirements for a place in RIA?

You will be notified of the outcome of your child's audition by email. Results are normally sent out within 1 – 2 weeks of the audition submission closing date. Please note, if you are sent an offer of enrolment, you will be required to pay a \$200 deposit to secure your child's place.

What if my child is notified that they have not met the required standard for RIA?

It is always disappointing when we don't achieve things that we hoped we would. Our main goal is to make sure your child is entering a program where they are going to fit in well with the capabilities of the other students. We encourage students to come back and audition with us again at a later date and can provide feedback on their auditions if requested.

Rowville SC is proud of all the opportunities that we provide. In addition to RIA we have other strong programs:

1. Rowville Sports Academy (Basketball, Cricket, Football (AFL), Football (Soccer), Golf, Netball, Volleyball)
2. Rowville Maths and Science Academy
3. General Excellence

Auditioning for another specialism within RIA is also another option.

If my child is successful in gaining a place in RIA will they have to audition in the future to maintain their place?

Students are not required to audition annually. Once they have been allocated a place it is available to them throughout their school years, provided they meet all of the requirements of the program. This includes appropriate attitude to all aspects of their schoolwork, and payment of the required fees.

What if my child is not happy with their chosen specialism or develops a greater interest in a different specialism?

It is possible to change specialism once allocated in RIA. However, to be granted a change, a successful audition would be required in the proposed new specialism and meetings to discuss the change with appropriate teachers and the Director of RIA. Each individual case is considered on its merits.

What if my child wanted to leave RIA? Could they remain at the school?

Yes, as is indicated above the school has a range of programs and all of these are available to interested students who fulfil the entry requirements. The school is split over two campuses: the Eastern Campus which houses RIA and the RSA, and the Western Campus which houses General Excellence and the MSA.

What is the fee structure at RIA?

RIA is an elite program for students with special artistic ability. Our teachers are all selected because they excel in their fields. Annual fees for 2021 are yet to be confirmed, but you will find a list of the 2020 fees in the RIA Information/Application Pack.

Levy amounts listed include essential materials and excursions for specialism class, plus first aid, BYOD, buildings, library and ground levies (some of which are voluntary), as well as VET fees if applicable. Instrumental music lesson and RSC music ensemble fees are not included in the levy – details and costs can be found on our [website](#).

Payment plans are available.

If you have further questions relating to RIA or the auditions, please don't hesitate to contact RIA Administrator, Jenn Walter at ria@rowvillesc.vic.edu.au