



Australian Olympic Pathway Schools Designation Criteria

All Australian Secondary schools can apply to become an Australian Olympic Pathway School (**AOPS**). To be designated by the Australian Olympic Committee (**AOC**) as an AOPS, a school needs to meet all the following criteria at the discretion of the AOC:

- Have an established high performance sport program (**Sport Program**) with a minimum of five (5) Olympic Sports on the Summer or Winter Olympic Games program.
- The Sport Program needs to be recognised, endorsed, and have a formal integrated performance pathway with relevant state, territory or national sporting organisations. For the avoidance of doubt, this means a school needs to have a formal, integrated performance pathway for each of the five (5) or more Olympic sports offered at the school;

The Sport Program needs to provide and / or offer the following:

- elite athlete development opportunities;
- accredited coach(es) for each of the Olympic Sports offered at the school;
- nutrition and wellbeing education and support for students, including access to wellbeing staff and performance psychologists;
- education on sport integrity matters, including anti-doping and competition manipulation;
- access to sporting facilities;
- a demonstrated commitment to helping student athletes achieve an appropriate balance between academic progression and athletic performance; and
- educational opportunities to students in a supportive environment that fosters respect, responsibility, and promotes a culture of academic excellence, collaboration, and commitment where the staff encourage students to achieve their personal best in the classroom, and excellence on the sporting field.

Please note that if a school receives AOPS designation it needs to continue to meet the above criteria as a condition of recognition as an AOPS. Additionally, schools need to demonstrate ongoing engagement with the AOC, including community programs, “Olympics Unleashed”, “Australian Olympic Change-Maker”, “Have a Go” and other AOC initiatives, from time to time.

AOPS Designation

An AOPS is designated for a 4-year period. At the end of this time, a school needs to submit an application to the AOC for renewal.

The AOC reserves the right to revoke a school's AOPS designation should a school fail to adhere to the above Criteria.

A school seeking designation is required to sign a Licence Agreement with the AOC, which sets out how a school that is designated as an AOPS can use the AOPS designation and promote its status as an AOPS.