

# STEM Ambassador Program 2026

## Frequently Asked Questions for Teachers

This FAQ sheet is designed to support schools new and existing schools to the STEM Ambassador Program and to answer common questions about participation, expectations, and the annual STEM Ambassador Conference.

### 1. What is the STEM Ambassador Program?

The STEM Ambassador Program is a year-long program that schools can participate in to enhance and raise the profile of STEM and Science within their school and local community.

By joining the program, schools commit to:

- Participating in core Science on the GO! events (with priority access ahead of the wider school network)
- Developing a STEM Strategic Plan for their school
- Designing and delivering at least one STEM-related activity, project, or event during the year

Science on the GO! supports schools throughout the process through access to Griffith University students, academics, industry partners, and the Science on the GO! team.

### 2. How many students can be STEM Ambassadors at our school?

There is no limit to the number of STEM Ambassadors a school can have and can be from Year 7 – 11 (It is assumed year 12 students have a high academic load)

We recommend establishing a strong student leadership structure to ensure accountability and commitment. The program is student-led, with teachers acting as facilitators rather than organisers.

Each school will nominate one student to act as the Student Liaison Officer, who will be the main point of contact for program communications.

### 3. How many students attend the STEM Ambassador Conference from each school?

Each school is invited to send four (4) students to the STEM Ambassador Conference.

This limit is due to venue capacity and for effective group work. The four students selected should typically demonstrate strong leadership and communication skills, as they will take the learnings from the conference back to their wider STEM Ambassador group for implementation at school.

### 4. What is the purpose of the STEM Ambassador Conference?

The STEM Ambassador Conference is a one-day, on-campus experience at Griffith University.

During the conference, students will:

- Hear from Griffith University academics and industry speakers
- Learn skills to identify and frame real-world STEM challenges
- Participate in workshops focused on problem framing and STEM Strategic Planning
- Begin developing their school's STEM Strategic Plan

All planning templates and resources are provided on the day. Digital copies will be sent to all schools in the program are to be used regardless of attending the conference or not.

### 5. What is a STEM Strategic Plan?

A STEM Strategic Plan outlines how students will address a STEM-related challenge or opportunity within their school or community.

Plans may include:

- Events or activities aligned to the Science on the GO! calendar
- Student-designed STEM projects or initiatives
- Community or industry engagement opportunities

At least one activity is encouraged to be student-created, such as using STEM to solve a problem or meet a local need.

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### **7. What is the ongoing commitment for schools and teachers?**

The program is designed so that teachers are not required to take on additional workload. Teachers act as facilitators, supporting students as they lead:

- Planning and decision-making
- Event or activity delivery
- Reflection and reporting

Schools simply submit details of their planned activity once confirmed and complete a short report once it has been delivered.

### **8. Are there any costs associated with the program?**

No. The STEM Ambassador Program and Conference are free of charge for participating schools.

### **9. Are there key dates we need to be aware of later in the year?**

There are no fixed dates beyond the conference itself.

Schools can schedule their STEM activities or events at a time that best suits their school context. We ask only that schools:

- Submit details of their planned activity once confirmed (Before Term one concludes)
- Submit a post-event report once the activity is completed (Before Term four concludes).

### **10. Are there awards or recognition for participating schools?**

Yes. Each year, participating schools are considered for the STEM Ambassador School of the Year Awards, including:

- Best Newcomer School
- Industry and Community Engagement
- Social Media Engagement
- Most Events / Programs Delivered
- Overall STEM Ambassador School of the Year

Award consideration is based on submitted reports and evidence of student-led impact.

### **11. Who do we contact for support or further information?**

Science on the GO! provides ongoing support throughout the year.

For program or conference enquiries, schools can contact:

Science on the GO! – Griffith University

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The STEM Ambassador Program empowers students to lead, innovate, and champion STEM in their schools—while being supported by university and industry expertise.