WAPDA Cadet College Tarbela established in 2004, was inaugurated by Mr. Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao, who was at that time Minister for Water & Power. The College provides quality education encompassing literary, cultural, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities with particular emphasis on character building and discipline.

The College is established on the bank of Indus amidst lofty green mountains in the background and reservoirs of barrage and dam. It is fully residential and its location which is inside the WAPDA Colony enhances both its beauty and security. The Cadets excel not only in academics, sports, debates and declamations but also are made aware of their obligations and social norms so as to emerge as disciplined and enlightened citizens of Pakistan, and face the challenges that lie ahead. WAPDA Cadet College Tarbela is an emerging Cadet College. Its alumni is playing a vital role in all walks of national life, particularly in the Pak Army, Air Force, Navy, Engineering, Medicines and in the Civil Services.

The College follows the syllabus laid down by Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Islamabad. The medium of instruction in the College is English. Class tests and terminal examinations are held regularly through out the year. Cadets’ progress reports are assessed and complete record of their academic and general performance is maintained. The progress report is sent to the parents at the end of each term.

Candidates can apply for admission in classes VIII and XI as per following:-

1. VIII Class: Age between 12 and 14 years on 1st April on the year of entry and must have passed 7th class or studying in VIII class.
2. Class XI: Age between 15 and 17 years on 15th August of year of entry and must have passed 10th class (science group) with minimum 70% marks for admission to F.Sc. Part 1
3. The students are examined in English, Urdu, Islamiyat and Mathematics for admission to class VIII.
4. Subjects for Entrance Examinations for admission to F.Sc Part-1 (Pre-Engineering /Pre-Medical groups) are English, Chemistry, Mathematics or Biology & Physics.

Admission for the Entrance Examination is advertised in the newspapers every year during the month of July to November for admission to class VIII and April to June for admission to class XI (Pre Engg & Pre-Med). The centres for Examination are WAPDA Cadet College, Tarbela / Lahore / Multan or as advertised.

Admission to the College is decided on merit, on the basis of the following:

1. Entrance Examination
2. IQ Test
3. Interview
4. Medical Test.
5. Certificate of good character from the school last attended

Prospectus along with admission form can be obtained from the Admission Branch on payment of Rs.1500/- or Rs.1600/- by post through bank draft in name of Principal, WAPDA Cadet College Tarbela drawn on Habib Bank Limited, Ghazi Branch (0575).