



Application for Year 7 Acceleration and Enhancement (AE) Program 2021

Testing Date: Saturday 16th May, 2020 at 9.00am

Selection

Parents whose child will be enrolled in Year 7 at Viewbank College in 2021 are invited to book their student into the placement testing which will take place at the College on Saturday 16th May, 2020 between 9.00am sharp (please arrive 15 minutes early) and 12.00pm.

There will be a **non-refundable** test fee of \$95.00.

Applications open: Thursday 26th March and the booking link will be made available on the College Website.

Applications close: Friday 8th May, 2020 at 3.00pm sharp.

***A late application fee of \$245 will be charged after the 8th May.
No applications will be accepted after the 11th May.***

The selection processes are designed to identify students for whom this type of program is appropriate. These tests provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate that they have the appropriate academic skills to allow them to benefit from an accelerated curriculum. Students will be required to sit three short tests to assess aptitude and ability in Numeracy, General Reasoning and Literacy. Applicants who gain suitable test scores across the whole range of skills tested **may** be shortlisted for an interview during the week of August 10th– 24th. Information may also be sought from the student's primary school as deemed necessary.

A class of 26 students will be selected and parents will receive a letter advising whether their child has been offered a place in this class **by September 14th, 2020**. This program is both challenging and rewarding, thus it is essential that students have a high level of maturity and commitment and be capable of independent learning. It is important that parents do not pressure students unduly to participate in the program. The motivation to be involved should come from the student.

It is important to understand that an Acceleration and Enhancement program will not suit every student who is academically talented and that many parents do not want their student to be accelerated. Viewbank College recognizes that there is a need to extend and enhance all students, particularly those talented and highly motivated students in mainstream classes.

Review

Continuation in the special program will be dependent on satisfactory work habits and progress in all studies. Students are closely monitored throughout the year. The progress of each student will be reviewed regularly. Parents and the student will be consulted should there be concerns over the student's progress. It is also possible a student may wish to leave the program and join peers in mainstream classes, however parents and the student would need to discuss this with the College.

Acceleration and Enhancement at Viewbank College

The Viewbank College Acceleration and Enhancement program is designed to offer *gifted and talented* learners who have been identified as very capable, committed and enthusiastic students, the opportunity to work in a challenging and stimulating environment with students of similar ability. The team of teachers delivering this program endeavours to create learning situations that will allow these students to achieve their maximum potential. Suitable students will have academic skills above those of their age peer group.

Their needs will be accommodated by a curriculum which:

- offers a faster paced study structure which is non-repetitive, thus covering traditional curriculum in a shorter amount of time.
- provides opportunity to study more abstract, complex, and in-depth content within a subject area.
- enables students to work independently to achieve their academic potential.
- provides the opportunity for students to interact with intellectual peers.
- challenges by involvement in both individual and collaborative learning projects.
- develops positive self-esteem.
- develops curiosity in their learning
- nurtures and develops self-confidence to learn.
- extends their powers of reasoning and logic by critical thinking activities.
- encourages participation in a wide range of enrichment activities offered at the College.

Structure

Students in the Acceleration and Enhancement Program will undertake a learning program that differs from mainstream classes in that their studies in core subjects will be compacted over the first 3 years of their secondary schooling, allowing students to undertake a broader range of VCE subjects and maximize their achievement.

Year 1 Year 7 Enhanced and part Year 8 work

Year 2 Part Year 8 Enhanced and Year 9 work

Year 3 Part Year 9 Enhanced Year 10 work

Year 4 Year 10 Enhanced English & Year 10 subjects
& Year 11 upon application for VCE subjects

Year 5 Unit 1 & 2 and 3 & 4

Year 6 Unit 3 & 4

Health & PE/LOTE and Arts & Technology at level

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Year 9 electives at level

Year 10 Enhanced English, Unit 1&2 General
Mathematics – Advanced (or higher based on
personal selection) Unit 1&2 personal selection

Year 10 subjects and Year 10 electives

Breadth, extension

Strongest subjects

Students in this program will be encouraged and are expected to be involved in a range of College activities such as sport, the College production, debating and music. As part of the AE program students will also be involved in a number of competitions and programs.

*Should you have further enquiries please contact Ms. Rachael Smith,
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