



## Application for Year 7 Acceleration and Enhancement (AE) Program 2022

Testing Date: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 at 10.00am

### Selection

Parents whose child will be enrolled in Year 7 at Viewbank College in 2022 are invited to book their student into the placement testing which will take place at Viewbank College on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 between 10.00am sharp and 1.00pm.

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

**Applications open:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021

**Booking link:** [click here](#) to register

**Applications close:** Please register by the advertised **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 at 4.00pm sharp.**

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 sit four multiple choice tests (Verbal Reasoning, Numerical Reasoning, Reading Comprehension and Mathematics) and complete a written expression 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 in early September. 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 later in the year. 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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