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Gladstone Park

SEAL



WHAT IS SEAL?

The SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING program is designed to cater for the special educational needs of gifted and highly able students.

There are 38 accredited SEAL schools in Victoria, and we are proud to have been a SEAL school since 2007.



CURRICULUM ACCELERATION

Students in the SEAL program experience the full breadth of curriculum offered at the college, however, they move through their learning at a faster pace.

This method of curriculum acceleration is called telescoping. Telescoping is when a group of students complete several years of the school's curriculum in less time.

For example, Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are completed in a total of three, rather than four years.

In a *'telescoped'* curriculum, material is not *'skipped'* but students are able to move speedily through a topic. In this way, the needs of gifted and high potential students are met by eliminating repetition and considerably increasing the pace of instruction. In the SEAL program at Gladstone Park, SEAL students will be supported to achieve level 10 of the Victorian Curriculum by the end of Year 9 in core subjects. This provides students with a challenging and engaging learning environment, and also prepares them for the VCE, which they are able to access from year 10.

SEAL AT GLADSTONE PARK

SEAL is a specialised accelerated learning program specifically designed for Gifted and Highly Able Students.

Gladstone Park is the only school in the area authorised to offer the state accredited Select Entry Accelerated Learning program.



'I have achieved more and I like learning at my standard'



SELECTION FOR THE PROGRAM

Students are required to sit a test examining their academic ability in relation to reading comprehension, spelling, mathematics and general scholastic aptitude. On the testing day, students also complete a creative writing task.

Students shortlisted for the program will be asked to attend an interview. Primary teachers may also be contacted to complete a confidential assessment form.

IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL STUDENTS

Students best suited for a SEAL program display attributes of a gifted or highly able student. Some of these innate characteristics are:

- Good problem solving skills
- Rapid learning ability
- Curiosity
- Wide range of interests
- High degree of creativity

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

In order to promote holistic and engaging learning, the curriculum for Gladstone Park's SEAL program is designed around the Harvard Graduate School of Education's framework of 'Metacurriculum'.

This specifically addresses the development of student's higher order knowledge and ability to problem solve.

Specifically, this framework addresses:

- Building deep levels of understanding
- Encompassing students' intellectual passions
- Developing / utilising a deep language of learning
- Developing sound personal and interpersonal learning to learn strategies
- Providing frameworks and tools for transfer of knowledge and skills
- Developing strong and proficient skills in using ICT.



USEFUL INFORMATION

A useful tool for identifying gifted and high potential students can be found at:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/learning/Pages/giftedidentification.aspx



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FURTHER INFORMATION

See contact details below if you would like to discuss this program further with: *The Junior School Principal* or the *SEAL Coordinator*. For important dates & application forms, see GPSC website.