



SEAL Information Booklet

Bellarine Secondary College



Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program

The Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program at Bellarine Secondary College is an accredited SEAL program with the Department of Education and Training, Victoria. The program is one of only 35 accredited programs across Victoria.

The SEAL program at Bellarine Secondary College provides a learning environment of like-minded students who have demonstrated that they have the learning capacity to progress through their learning at a faster rate than their peers.

The SEAL program is a fantastic opportunity for students who are ready to embrace the extra challenge this program brings.

Bellarine Secondary College's DUX in 2016 was a former SEAL student who attributed much of her success to her experience in the SEAL program.

SEAL students again made up a large percentage of the top results from the College, with many receiving high ATAR scores. Most of the students who received the highest study score for their Unit 3&4 subject were SEAL students from either Year 11 or Year 12.

Regular assessment of Bellarine Secondary College SEAL students via the University of NSW ICAS tests has shown that students are achieving at the top level of education in Victoria at each year level.

What Does Acceleration Mean?

The Accelerated Learning Program allows students to progress through their secondary education faster, by providing challenging learning experiences that are more tailored to the needs of talented learners.

There is greater emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills, independent learning and research. Course content is compacted so that a typical year 7-10 program is covered more quickly than normal without omitting anything. The accelerated program contains less repetition.

Enrichment is provided by broadening content, understanding, experience and skills to a level appropriate to the students' stages of development. Extension leads to in-depth study and the integration and application of knowledge at a deeper level.

The Program

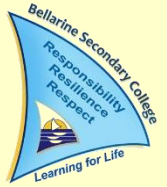
Students are accelerated in each of the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Humanities, Science, Indonesian Language, The Arts, Digital and Design Technologies, Health and Physical Education.

Students will have opportunities to participate in the full range of co-curricular activities offered by the school including Inter-school Sport, Debating, Leadership Programs, Youth Advance, Student Government and the Camps program.

The range of co-curricular activities offered widens significantly as students enter middle and senior school to include the possibility of subject specialty camps such as Eco5 and Outdoor Education, Leadership Camps and overseas study tours.

Inspiring and Exceptional

- ✓ Engaging
- ✓ Challenging
- ✓ Supportive



"Building Bright Futures Together"

Important Dates

Parent/Guardian Information Evening:
Monday 20th March, 2017 6:30pm
Ocean Grove Campus

Applications Close:
Friday 31st March, 2017
1.00pm

(Please ensure that you include copies of Academic Reports, NAPLAN Reports and an Application Fee of \$40.00)

Selection Test:
Thursday 27th April, 2017
1:30-4:00pm.
Drysdale Campus

Interviews:
Monday 22nd – Tuesday 23rd May,
2017
Ocean Grove Campus





Student Eligibility

The SEAL program is not for all students. It is both demanding and rewarding. It provides students with challenge and enrichment within a motivated and academic peer group. It entails a greater workload and depth of learning in the early years of secondary schooling. The SEAL program is suited to students who:

- ✓ Have a strong and positive self-concept
- ✓ Have high levels of creativity
- ✓ Have a high level of maturity and commitment
- ✓ Are motivated and capable of independent learning

How do Students Gain Selection?

The selection process for the SEAL program is designed to identify students for whom this type of program is appropriate. The selection process involves formal testing in the areas of:

- ✓ Mathematical skills
- ✓ Science reasoning
- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Comprehension
- ✓ Creative writing

We also take into consideration:

- Information from the applicant's primary school
- Information from the applicant's parent/s or guardian/s
- NAPLAN test results

Students will be asked to sit the ICAS GAT Test. The test will be conducted at the Drysdale Campus on Thursday, 27th April, 2017 from 1:30pm – 4.00pm.

An interview for the short-listed applicants will be held on Monday 22nd – Tuesday 23rd May, 2017 at the Ocean Grove Campus.

Where do you send the completed forms?

Please complete the attached application forms and provide copies of **NAPLAN** testing results, **Grade 5 reports** and **\$40.00**.

Applications close on Friday 31st March, 2017 at 1:00pm.

Please deliver to the Ocean Grove Campus or send, with an enclosed cheque to:

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There are 25 places available in the program. Final decisions about offers of places will take into account all of the available information. Parents/guardians will be advised of the outcome as soon as practicable.

Year at Secondary School	Program
1	Year 7-8
2	Year 8-9
3	Year 9-10
At the end of the third year, after appropriate counselling, decisions will be made about an appropriate pathway for each student	
4	Year 10 – some VCE Units 1 & 2
5	Year 11 – Units 1 & 2, VET, some Units 3 & 4
6	Completion of Year 12 with additional Units 3 & 4; VET; Tertiary Enhancement subjects

