



LYNDALE
Secondary College



Select Entry Accelerated Learning 2021

Access to Peak Performance

NOTICE TO GRADE 6 PARENTS

The Lyndale Secondary College **Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program** is designed to provide enhanced educational opportunities to children of higher academic potential.

Study in the SEAL program is often adjusted from the standard model in the following three ways:

- Faster Pace (acceleration, compacting)
- Enrichment (greater breadth of curriculum including interesting side projects)
- Extension (more depth and completing work at a higher curriculum level)

There are many different attributes that can indicate a child is a high ability student, and while we encourage all students to apply, we tend to consider students with the following traits to be ideal candidates for the SEAL program:

- Students who acquire new knowledge and skills at a faster rate than their peers
- Students who are able to find, solve and act on problems more readily and quickly
- Students who are able to come up with, understand, and connect abstract ideas

We also highly value any student who shows a strong appreciation for learning and a brilliant work ethic.

The program compresses Years 7 to 10 studies of English, Humanities, Mathematics and Science into effectively three years of study for the selected students. Students in the SEAL program also undertake non-accelerated studies in all other subjects. This keeps them in-step socially with their peers, meanwhile opening opportunities for additional learning.

By completing these studies earlier, greater flexibility will be available to students in their final three years of schooling. This flexibility will be negotiated and agreed between the college and the family and may include:

- Additional VCE studies to improve students' tertiary entrance scores
- Undertaking of additional courses which are accredited by TAFE
- Entry into Monash or Melbourne University degree studies during Year 12

"Accelerated Learning" is not always appropriate for all students. It is both demanding and rewarding. It provides challenge and enrichment within an academic peer group of students. It also entails a relatively higher workload in the early years of secondary schooling.

To determine successful candidates for the program the college will be conducting the annual SEAL entrance exam on **Saturday 18th July 2020** in the West Wing building at Lyndale SC. This examination is **FREE** for all participants. This examination will include sections on reading comprehension, mathematics, abstract reasoning and persuasive writing. Successful candidates from this examination will be offered places in the 2021 Year 7 SEAL Program in early August. This test will also be used in the decision making process for the Barry Powell Academic Scholarship winners as described on a separate application form. Please note that shortlisted candidates for college scholarships will also be required to attend an interview.

If you believe such a program is appropriate for your son or daughter, please complete the attached form and return it to the college **Friday 26 June 2020**. For any further enquiries regarding the SEAL program, please email me.

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