

Select Entry, Accelerated Learning Program

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEALP) is an educational opportunity for those children capable of completing a more diverse and challenging secondary curriculum. SEALP offers an entirely differentiated curriculum written expressly for children with above average intellectual potential. It contains greater challenge and diversity of curriculum. Students have the opportunity to study all facets of the College's traditional curriculum whilst also undertaking enrichment studies in areas such as philosophy. Students in SEALP have the advantage of being placed with students of similar academic and scholastic ability, allowing them to progress at a faster rate whilst still investigating topics in depth.



How do I Apply?

Please contact Mount Clear College for application forms and initial surveys. Hard copy application forms can also be collected from the Mount Clear College office. Completed application forms are to be returned by Monday 7th May, 2018.

How can I get additional information?

Contact Jess McCulloch at the college on 03 5330 1500.

Information Evening

An Information Evening will be held at the Library, Mount Clear College, from 6.00pm to 7.00pm on **Wednesday 14th March**, 2018.

Testing Session

A testing session will be held at Mount Clear College on Friday 18th May, 2018.

To participate in this testing, families must register and pay \$77 at <https://aus.edutest.com.au/D/?t=07IX5KDC> no later than Monday 7th May, 2018. Applications forms must be dropped into the front office at Mount Clear College.

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The Curriculum

Students complete the first four years of secondary school (Years 7 –10) in three years. English, Mathematics, Science, and Humanities are studied in each of the three years. In Year 7, students complete a semester each of Japanese and Chinese, and then choose which of those two languages they would like to continue in Year 8. Further to this, in the first two years students will complete three semesters of creative and performing arts, technology and physical education (including sport). In the third year students will be invited to choose two additional units from our extensive range of elective subjects. At the end of these three years it is anticipated that students will commence their VCE studies.

Who are we looking for?

The typical Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEALP) student consistently finds work easier than others in their grade and consistently finish faster than their peers. They might find themselves bored and unchallenged in class if they are not given extension or enrichment work by the teacher. SEALP students are usually well motivated and are prepared to work hard in class. They frequently have abilities in a wide range of areas.



Frequently Asked Questions

How bright does my child need to be?

Your child does need to be of above average intelligence and intellect. They do not, however, need to be “extraordinarily” gifted.

I think my child is potentially bright, but he/she is not doing well at the moment?

It is your child’s potential that is more important at this stage than their actual performance. It is our aim to turn around low performances if a student is bright to begin with.

Does my child need to be good in all areas?

Your child does need to be of above average ability in the major academic areas. Mount Clear College offers other opportunities for students talented in specific areas.

Is this program targeted at students who are talented in the Arts or Sport?

Primarily SEALP is an academic program and as such is not specifically targeted at these students. SEALP students will, however, participate fully in these areas.

Will my child be able to participate in all the normal extra-curricula opportunities offered?

Absolutely! Apart from the curriculum offered your child’s school experience will be the same as any other student at Mount Clear College.

Does my child get to mix with his/her friends and the other students?

First year SEALP students will spend time with other students in sport education and by participating in activities run by year level. They will also have opportunities for interaction through extracurricular activities. There is also, of course, lunchtime and recess. This is no different to other students in Years 7 and 8.

What does the acceleration in the SEAL program represent?

Your child will accelerate through the first four years of schooling in three. Acceleration also occurs as each area is studied in more breadth and depth, suited to the intellectually advanced student. This allows SEALP students the opportunity to then begin their VCE studies in their fourth year of secondary school.

What will be different for my child in this class?

This class has had a challenging and diverse curriculum custom written for it. They study subjects not offered to the rest of the College. SEALP students also have the immeasurable benefit of being in a class of likeminded individuals.

Can a student in Year 5 gain entry to this program?

Under exceptional circumstances this may be possible.

What will the pressure and work be like - will my child cope?

It is impossible to say ahead of time if any one child will cope.

The pace of the curriculum delivery in SEALP is faster, however the workload is not substantially greater. SEALP students will also not receive significantly more homework than other students at the College. Support is also available via homeroom teachers, year level coordinators, the SEALP coordinator and school counsellors.

What is the application and testing process?

Mount Clear College will collect information on potential SEALP students in a number of ways. Primarily, the student themselves, their parents and their current teacher will be surveyed to give their impressions of the applicant’s abilities. Secondly, the student will be expected to attend a testing day where they will undergo EduTest testing in the areas of Mathematics, English and scientific reasoning. Subsequent to this, basic intelligence testing will also be undertaken. There is a one-off, non-refundable application fee to be paid that covers the cost of testing.