

# BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL



## SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM

Year 7

2027

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*Belmont High School must adhere to the Department of Education Priority Order for Placement Policy for enrolment; this includes the SEALP class.*

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## INTRODUCTION

The Department of Education and Training recognises that all students should have a fulfilling and challenging education commensurate with their abilities in order to reach their full potential and remain engaged at school.

There are select entry programs offered in Government schools to provide appropriate schooling for academically gifted children.

**The Academy of Accredited SEAL Schools (TAASS)** is a collective of like-minded schools who strongly value Gifted Education in Victorian Government secondary schools. SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) schools offer engaging accelerated programs for their groups of gifted students. The SEAL program aims to address the learning needs of gifted and high potential students who are capable of working at a significantly faster pace and in greater depth than their age peers.

Learning in core subjects is accelerated for students in these programs, and opportunities for in-depth study are provided. Students usually complete Years 7-10 in three years, giving them an extended range of options for their final years of schooling.

Students are encouraged to complete additional VCE units, enabling them to accrue a greater breadth of subjects. Some students undertake VCE extension studies which allows them to complete one or more university subjects as part of their VCE. Some students choose to enter tertiary education after only five years of secondary schooling.

Secondary schools with SEAL programs are situated throughout metropolitan Melbourne and rural Victoria. Each school is responsible for determining its own selection criteria. Enquiries about Select Entry Accelerated Learning Programs should be made early in the year prior to the student's year 7 placement. Entrance exams are usually held in Term 2 or Term 3.

Belmont High School is a registered provider of SEAL and first offered the program at Year 7 level in 2003. Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College and Bellarine Secondary College also provide accredited SEAL programs in the Geelong / Bellarine region.



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At Belmont High School, students will complete an accelerated learning program within Years 7 to 9. At Year 10 they will begin some of their V.C.E. studies. Each year we will select a group of graduating primary students identified as being capable of work presented at a significantly higher level and faster pace than the majority of students with the same chronological age. This group will study their core subjects together for their first three years, after which a range of options will be available to individual students. The group will remain together as a house group for the length of time they are at school.

The aims of the program are:

- ◆ to create a more challenging learning environment
- ◆ to guarantee proficiency in the basic curriculum
- ◆ to provide a program that meets the special needs of highly talented and motivated students
- ◆ to promote enrichment opportunities for highly talented students to reach their full potential.

Students will undertake a compacted curriculum in the following Learning Areas:

- ◆ English
- ◆ Mathematics
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Humanities
- ◆ Languages – Indonesian or Italian
- ◆ Health



**\*\* Please note the 2027 SEALP class will be studying ITALIAN.**

Students complete the standard Years 7 to 9 courses in the other learning areas – Arts, Technology and Physical Education.



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## STUDENT SUITABILITY FOR THE PROGRAM

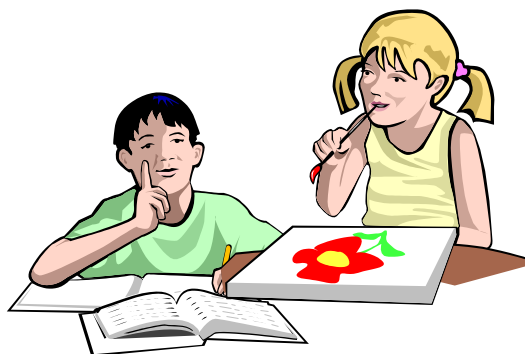


Students who enter this course will need to:

- ◆ be academically gifted – in approximately the top 10% of students their age
- ◆ be motivated, interested and demonstrate a commitment to completing set tasks
- ◆ be creative and demonstrate the ability to think fluently and/or flexibly
- ◆ be prepared to involve themselves in a wide range of curricula and co-curricular offerings
- ◆ have supportive parent(s)/guardian(s)
- ◆ strongly recommended by their Primary school / Year 6 teacher.

The students will be expected to take part in all normal school activities. They will have access to, and be encouraged to participate in, all co-curricular programs such as sport, music, performing arts and student leadership.

Students should also expect to be involved, through their classroom activities, in extension and enrichment programs such as the English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities Competitions and other programs judged as providing suitable support for the work they are undertaking.



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## IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Students wishing to join this program can be nominated by a parent or teacher.

The actual selection procedure will be overseen by the Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program Coordinators and include the following:

- ◆ Academic Achievement test(s) – evaluating mathematical, problem solving, comprehension and creative writing abilities.
- ◆ Review of NAPLAN results should be submitted with the Expression of Interest
- ◆ A primary school/teacher evaluation form
- ◆ A parent evaluation form
- ◆ A possible interview –with the student and parent(s) / guardian(s), if required.

The SEAL Program Coordinators will make the final decision on who will be offered entry to the program. Members of the selection team will not have any association with applicants.

A cost per student is required for participation in the testing process (\$40).

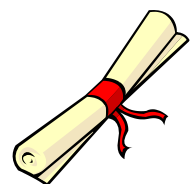
Testing for the 2027 Year 7 SEALP class will be during August 2026.

Students who enter the program after it has commenced will have completed similar identification procedures.

Students in the program will have ongoing evaluation of their progress against the stated objectives, and meetings of parents of students will be scheduled if necessary.

***The final decision on entry to, or exit from the program will always remain with the School in consultation with students and their parents/guardians, and relevant school staff.***

***Please note: Belmont High School will not be distributing test results to applicants. They are one element of our selection process.***



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**COURSE  
OVERVIEW  
2027  
YEARS 7 – 9**

Year 7 Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEALP)	Periods/ Fortnight	Year 8 Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEALP)	Periods/ Fortnight
English	10	English	10
Humanities	6	Humanities	6
Science	7	Science	7
Mathematics	10	Mathematics	10
Physical Education	6	Physical Education	6
Health	3	Health	3
Language (Indonesian)	6	Language (Indonesian)	6
Art		Art	
Visual Communication		Visual Communication	
Food Technology		Food Technology	
Materials Technology	3x4	Materials Technology	3x4
Fibre Technology		Fibre Technology	
Systems Technology		Systems Technology	
Drama		Drama	
Ceramics		Ceramics	
Music		Music	
Digital Technology		Digital Technology	

Year 9 Accelerated Learning Program (SEALP)	Periods/ Fortnight
English	10
Science	8
'Humanities'	6
Maths (Year 10) – Methods or General	10
Physical Education & Health	5
Language (Indonesian)	6
SEALP Strive (one semester only)	5
Plus, choice from Year 10 Electives, and VCE (depending on subject selections)	

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## **OPTIONS AVAILABLE AFTER THE THIRD YEAR**

Belmont High School understands the importance of managed individual pathways. This planning will be a co-operative activity involving parents/guardians, program co-ordinators, career counsellors and the student.

We present a range of options that, following counselling, may available to students on completion of Year 3:

- ◆ complete a normal Year 10 program (elective)
- ◆ mix Year 10 with VCE studies and take 3 years to complete senior school.
- ◆ mix Year 10 with VCE studies, take 3 years to complete school and include VET studies
- ◆ mix Year 10 with VCE studies, take 3 years to complete school and include some university enhancement studies
- ◆ complete VCE in 2 years and work for a year (before entering tertiary studies)
- ◆ complete VCE in 2 years and progress directly to tertiary studies.

**Please note: Belmont High School provides all students with ongoing course and career advice. Pathways within the program will be determined by MERIT (performance, teacher recommendations and the demands of the student's subject program).**

