



SEAL Program – Year 7

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEALP) Parent Information

In 2021 Victoria University Secondary College will be offering the accredited SEAL program to Year 7 students.

The Academy of Accredited SEAL Schools (TAASS) accredits schools who run the SEAL program. The SEAL program is designed to enrich and extend students through a curriculum that emphasises content of greater complexity and depth, more abstract and challenging learning tasks, higher order critical and creative thinking, problem-solving skills, independent research skills and leadership opportunities. This supportive environment encourages learning and collaboration with like-minded peers to develop students academically, socially and emotionally.

Features of Accelerated Learning

- Differentiation based on student skills, aptitude and interest
- Elimination of repetition and the practice of already mastered skills
- Accelerated pace of learning
- Development of metacognitive and higher order thinking skills
- Opportunities for deep learning and inquiry based learning through to Year 10.

Benefits of Accelerated Learning

- Students feel challenged by curriculum that is sufficiently advanced and delivered at a pace that maintains student interest
- Students are given an opportunity to complete a range of subjects with greater depth and breadth
- The curriculum caters for the abilities of students and provides opportunities for abstract thinking
- Increased opportunity to study VCE subjects in Year 10 and greater flexibility in their choice of subjects in the remaining years of secondary school.

Who Should Apply?

If your child is highly motivated, retains knowledge well and is often bored in mainstream classes, this may indicate that they need to be extended. The SEAL Program is for students who desire to extend themselves and move ahead.

Registration and Selection Process – updated April 2020

To be selected into this program students must register via a link on the VUSC website SEAL Program page before Friday 28th August 2020 and achieve a high standard on the formal SEAL examination. A non-refundable fee of \$75 will be payable upon registration. Testing will take place at VUSC Junior Campus on Friday 4th September.