

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 in a class 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. Application forms can also be collected from the Mount Clear College office. It is requested that completed application forms are returned before Monday 20th April, 2015.

How can I get additional information?

Contact Trudi O'Callaghan at the college.

Information Evening

An Information Evening will be held at Mount Clear College on the following date:
Wednesday 18th March, 2015 in the School Theatre, between 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Testing Sessions

Testing sessions will be held at Mount Clear College on the following dates:

Saturday 2nd May, 2015

Friday 15th August, 2015

at the Earth Ed Centre, between 9.00am to 1.00pm



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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 at each of the three years. Further to this, in the first two years, students will complete three semesters of creative and performing arts, technology and physical education (including sport) and four semesters of Japanese. In the third year, students will be invited to choose 2 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 SEALP student is academically brighter than his or her peers. They consistently find 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. SEALP students need and want extra challenge.



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 would be our hope 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.

*** What homeroom / mini-school will my child be in?**

This is determined on a year to year basis. This may mean that you do not get your first choice of mini-school.

*** 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 the mini-school. 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 SEAL 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, mini-school managers, 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 applicants abilities. Secondly the student will be expected to attend a testing day, where they will undergo University of New South Wales 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.