

# 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 designed specifically for students 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. Application forms can also be accessed on the Mount Clear College website. Completed application forms are to be returned by Monday 8th May, 2017.

## How can I obtain additional information?

Contact Mathew Jones at the College on 03 5330 1500.

## Information evening

An Information Evening will be held at Mount Clear College Library commencing at 7.00pm on Wednesday 15th March, 2017.

## Testing session

A testing session will be held at Mount Clear College on Friday 19th May 2017.

To participate in this testing, families must register and pay \$77 at <https://aus.edutest.com.au/D/?t=9S240Q7C> no later than Monday 15th May, 2017. Completed application forms may be lodged at Mount Clear College's front office.

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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. 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 LOTE. In the third year students will be invited to choose two additional units from our extensive range of elective subjects. At the completion 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 finishes faster than their peers. They may be 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 desire extra challenge.



## Frequently asked questions

### How bright does my child need to be?

Your child needs 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 - can they apply?

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 high achieving in all areas?

Your child needs 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 match that of any other student at Mount Clear College.

### Will my child mix with his/her friends and the other students?

First year SEALP students will spend time with other students during sport education and also while participating in activities conducted within the year level. Further opportunities for interaction are through extracurricular activities and of course, lunchtimes and recesses.

### What does the acceleration in the SEAL program accomplish?

Your child will accelerate through the first four years of schooling in three years. Furthermore, as the program is suited to the students who are intellectually advanced, each learning area is explored more broadly. This provides SEALP students with the opportunity to commence their VCE studies in their fourth year of secondary school.

### What will be different for my child in this program?

This program has been designed specifically for students with a higher academic ability to consistently provide challenges and diversity. These students explore subjects not offered in the mainstream curriculum. 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?

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

### What is the application and testing process?

The process consists of:

- Information is gathered from the student, their parents/guardians and their current teacher to provide details of their academic background.
- A testing day will be conducted at which applicants will undertake the “University of New South Wales testing” in the areas of Mathematics, English and Scientific Reasoning. Applicants will also complete basic intelligence testing.