



Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program



Year 7

2023



Acknowledgement of Country



WC 2023 Enrolments



- Any student can apply for enrolment at Warrnambool College into 2023.
- Every government school uses the DET 'priority order of placement' for accepting enrolments.

We can **ONLY** consider applications for SEAL from those enrolled at Warrnambool College.



Myths surrounding gifted learners

- *All students are gifted.*
- *A gifted child must be gifted at everything.*
- *Promoting giftedness promotes elitism.*
- *It is always possible to close the 'gap'*
 - *the others will eventually catch-up.*
 - *provided we slow down the academically gifted students!*
- *These students will make it on their own.*



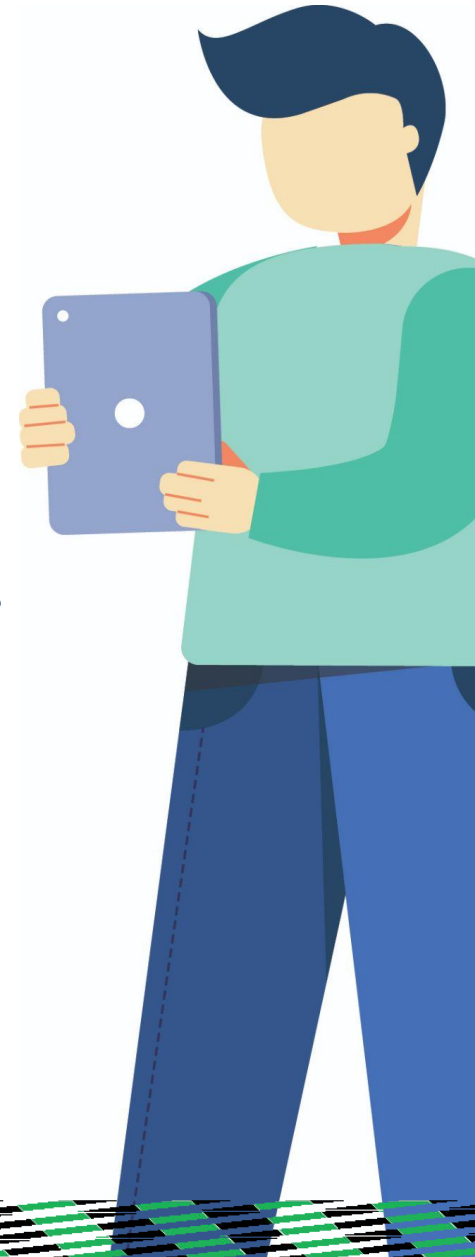
Intellectual characteristics of gifted students



- Ability to manipulate abstract symbols.
- Higher level of concentration.
- Well developed memory.
- Early language interest and development.
- Need for fast paced work.
- Preference for independent work.
- Curiosity and / or multiple interests.
- Ability to generate original ideas.

Emotional characteristics of gifted students

- Sense of humour.
- High levels of energy.
- Strong sense of social justice and fairness.
- Altruism, unselfishness and idealism.
- Strong attachments and commitments.
- Emotional intensity, empathy.
- Perfectionism.
- Preference for older friends.
- Aesthetic sensitivity.



Why cater for gifted students?

- To engage high achieving students.
- To set appropriate expectations for **all students**.
- To prevent underachievement and unnecessary misbehaviour.
- To lift the glass ceiling.
- To provide an environment for deep thinking and learning to occur
 - students *and* teachers.

But what about mainstream classes then?




Why SEAL?

- You enjoy being challenged.
- You want your learning characteristics to be considered and utilised.
- You like exploring issues and concepts with deep meanings.
- You want to be surrounded by others who will push your learning to new personal bests.
- You want more pathway options available in senior secondary.



What our students say about SEAL?

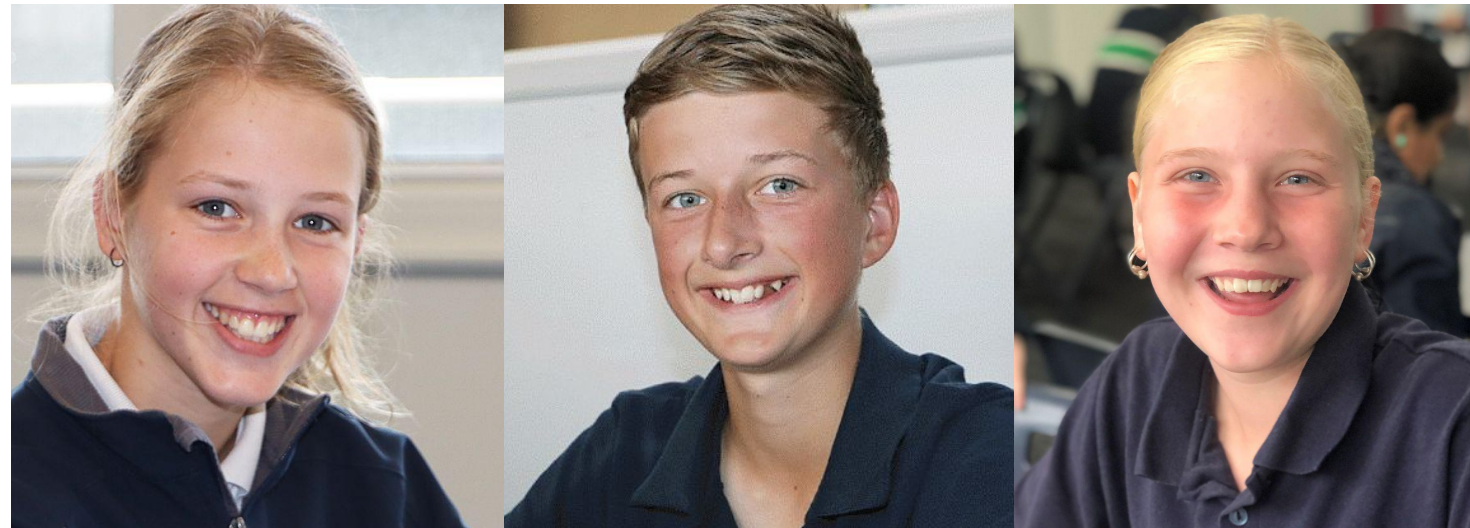
- *“I love being challenged in ways that I had not thought possible.”*
 - *“My teachers don’t mind me asking lots of questions (even if they don’t always know the answers straight away).”*
 - *“I now have friends who are interested in the same things as me.”*
 - *“It’s nice not to be different.”*
 - *“My teachers understand how I think and learn.”*
 - *“SEAL makes school a good place now.”*
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Why SEAL @ WC?



Only accredited SEAL school in S.W. Victoria

- Continued accountability via accreditation.
- Rigorous selection process via EduTest test.



Why SEAL @ WC?

Part of TAASS network of schools

- In Term 3, SEAL students gather in TAASS network to complete gifted learning tasks.
- Sharing of curriculum resources and teacher professional development across TAASS schools.



Why SEAL @ WC?

Eighteenth year running the program

- Constantly refining teacher selection, course structure and curriculum delivery.



SEAL @ WC

We changed the structure in 2021!

- To remain in TAASS we have aligned with other SEAL schools in Victoria.
- All students now complete secondary school in six years to maximise their potential to thrive.



Year 7 SEAL Course Structure

Year long subjects:

3 x English

2 x Humanities

2 x Science

2 x Languages

3 x Maths

2 x PE

1 x Health

1 x Visual Art

Semester length subjects:

1 x Drama

1 x Music

2 x Food Studies

2 x Digital Technology

4 x 70 minute lessons per day



How Does SEAL compare to SPP or Core?

- Same structure in Year 7
- Year 8 electives for SEAL come from Year 9
- SEAL students undertake Year 9 Languages



SEAL Applications

- **Welcome pack** provided to parents
 - Included application forms for SPP, SEAL and scholarships
- **Application for SEAL** due by 22nd August 2022
- Externally assessed test on 25th August 2022 (registration for this is the 19th August 2022)
- SEAL offers made before the end of Term 3



SEAL Applications

- Referral from Grade 5 or 6 teacher
- Parent Referral
- Student Referral
- Payment for EduTest gifted learner testing - \$82.50
- EduTest - Writing, Numeracy, Reading, Abstract Thinking & Reasoning
 - not standardised test
 - focus on giftedness



Parent Referral



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PARENT/GUARDIAN REFERRAL FORM

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 22nd AUGUST 2022



Full Name of Student:

Date of Birth:

Primary School attended 2020:

Year 6 Teacher:

Postal Address:

Suburb:

Postcode:

Home phone:

Work:

Mobile:

Email address:

Circle a number for each question below.

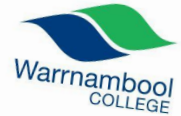
Use the scale to consider which best describes your child in relation to a typical child in your neighbourhood.

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| 5 | Has this trait to a high degree |
| 4 | Has this trait more than a typical child |
| 3 | Compares with the typical child |
| 2 | Has this trait less than the typical child |
| 1 | Lacks this trait |

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| 1. Uses a wide vocabulary and expresses themselves fluently and clearly | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| 2. Thinks quickly | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| 3. Recalls facts quickly | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| 4. Questions how and why things work | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| 5. Reads avidly | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| 6. Is imaginative | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| 7. Persists with challenges | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| 8. Is independent and self-sufficient | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| 9. Has a wide range of interests | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| 10. Has a broad attention span which allows them to concentrate on problem solving | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| 11. Shows initiative | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| 12. Has interest in the future and/or world events and problems | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| 13. Follows complex directions | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| 14. Sets themselves high goals | 5 4 3 2 1 |

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PARENT/GUARDIAN REFERRAL FORM (CONT.)



On this page, add any further comments you wish to add regarding your child's:

- Special accomplishments or talents
- Interests or hobbies
- Special opportunities he/she has had
- Relationships with others
- Additional learning needs (if applicable)
- Any other information which you believe is relevant

Parent/Guardian Name (please print):

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

This form should be completed and returned by Monday 22nd August 2022 to:

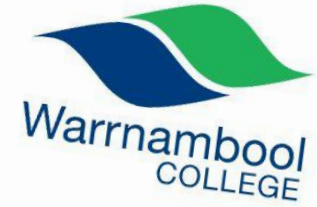
SEAL Coordinator
Warrnambool College
Grafton Road
Warrnambool Vic 3280

Student Referral



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STUDENT REFERRAL FORM - to be completed by student



Full Name of Student: _____

Thank you for your interest in the Select Entry and Accelerated Learning Program. We are interested to hear why you would like to be a part of this program. Write in any way you think appropriate on this sheet, making sure you cover the following:

- How you learnt about the program.
- Why you want to nominate yourself for this program.
- What you think you would get out of this program.

Feel free to add any further information which you feel would enable us to get a better understanding of you. We look forward to reading your response.



Teacher Referral

- Please give this to your year 5 or 6 teacher – whoever you believe knows your student better.
- This is confidential information and should be given to you in a sealed envelope or mailed directly to Warrnambool College.
- You can drop this off at school up until 27th August 2022. (We may still contact the teacher for a verbal referral if we require additional information).

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CONFIDENTIAL | **TEACHER REFERRAL FORM**
PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 22nd AUGUST 2022

To be completed by student's current Yr 6 teacher, or if more appropriate, student's former Yr 5 teacher.

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Full Name of Student: _____
Current School: _____
Teacher's Name: _____
Grade(s) that I taught this student: _____
Contact phone number at this school: _____
How long have you known this student: _____

Please indicate the degree to which you believe the student demonstrates the following behaviours:

BEHAVIOURS	VERY HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	VERY LOW
Is an avid reader and selects books at a reading age far above her/his chronological age level.					
Is verbally proficient, has a large and unusually advanced vocabulary.					
Is outstanding at mathematics.					
Demonstrates powers of abstraction and conceptualisation.					
Shows an interest in problem solving and pleasure in intellectual activity.					

The Test!

There will be 4 x 30 minute multiple choice tests and 1 x 15 minute creative writing test.

1. Verbal Reasoning
2. Numerical Reasoning
3. Reading Comprehension
4. Mathematics
5. Creative Writing Task

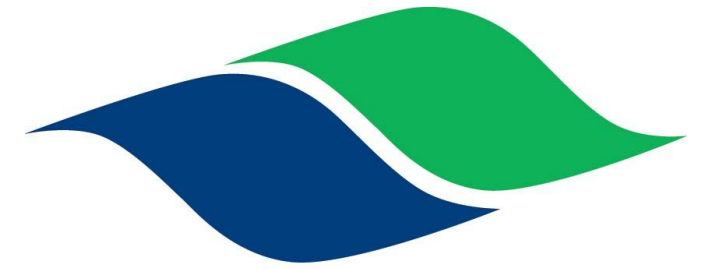


SEAL classes

- Up to 25 students selected for SEAL Year 7 class in 2023.
- Offers made - with a short waiting list in case students decline offers.



Q & A Time



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