Students whose families wish them to enter the Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program will participate in a selection process. This includes:

- A set of Learning Aptitude Tests
- A reference from the student’s Primary School
- An interview at Fairhills High School with the student and their parents
- A portfolio of student work

Applicants for the SEAL program will automatically be considered for the Enhanced Learning Program.

The Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL) is a state wide Department of Education initiative available in only a limited number of chosen schools.
Our SEAL Program challenges and engages high ability learners to accelerate and enrich their learning.

APPLICATION

Places in these programs are limited, so early applications are advised.

Full names of parents ____________________________

Full name of child ______________________________

Student’s Date of Birth __________________________

Gender __________________ Class Grade __________

Address ______________________________________

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Telephone  Home __________ Work __________

Current School _______________________________

School Address _______________________________

Primary Principal ______________________________

Grade 6 Teacher _______________________________

Is English your child’s first language? (please tick) Yes  No

Signature of Parent _____________________________ Date __________

Application closing dates

Please return this application to Fairhills High School as soon as possible.

First testing session, applications close: April 30

A second testing session for applications received after this date will be held later in the year.

Further enquiries: Telephone 9758 5022

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The Fairhills High School Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) class is specifically designed for students who are genuinely strong across all academic areas and who want to be challenged. These students are already performing (and are capable of continuing to perform) in the top 10 to 15% of a mixed ability class. Our selection process will allow us to assess the suitability of your child.

Students selected for the SEAL Program are provided with work which enriches their studies and extends them personally. Classroom work involves the study of more complex and abstract concepts with a greater emphasis placed on high level thinking skills, independent learning and problem solving.

Curriculum acceleration enables students to move through a normal Year 7-10 curriculum at a faster rate as well as in greater depth. At Fairhills students are able to complete their six years of secondary schooling with a much broader VCE experience spread over three rather than two years.

The philosophy of Accelerated Learning is to provide high ability/faster working students with an environment that allows them to fulfil their full academic and social potential.

We believe that this outcome is best achieved by starting the students together in a single cohort within a uniformly accelerated curriculum, rather than by accelerating them only in some subjects or by providing enrichment activities that augment a standard secondary school curriculum.

SEAL operates on the principles of curriculum acceleration and enrichment with students completing Years 7 to 10 in three years.

It actively encourages students to develop creative thinking, research and problem solving skills which will provide an excellent foundation for their VCE years and beyond.

At Fairhills, Accelerated students complete the normal Years 7 to 9 curriculum in two years as a separate class. They then join with other students in the comprehensive Year 10 elective program (but remain together for English and Maths) in preparation for their VCE which is then spread over their final three years.

For example, a straight maths/science VCE student can also study other subjects such as Music, LOTE, Art, Literature or Technology, gain a valuable insight into their anticipated careers through our Professional Workplace Learning VCE course as well as completing a first year university subject of their choice. Some students build in an overseas study year to their three year VCE. This arrangement helps students to gain higher ENTER scores and prepare for a wider range of future studies including double Degrees.

It has a similar accelerated structure to the SEAL Program but the depth of the work is set in between the SEAL class and the normal Mainstream classes.

All the same SEAL benefits of acceleration are available particularly the increased challenge and depth in the junior school and the increased breadth of the three year VCE.

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