

An education at Fairhills High School is just as rewarding for parents as it is for students.

At Fairhills High we are very proud of the achievements and personal qualities of our students.

Excellent Academic Achievements

- A median study score above the state average for Government Schools in VCE.
- This places us in equal third highest place in the twenty state secondary schools in the outer eastern suburbs.
- Ninety percent of our year 12 graduates who applied received tertiary offers through VTAC.
- The averages for years 7-10 Essential Learning Standards (ELS) in English and Maths are above the state means.

Outstanding Co-curricular Opportunities

Co-curricular activities are an important feature at Fairhills with our students participating up to the highest level. Some fine individual and team performances have seen our students win both State and National Awards. Across the school we have an extensive array of opportunities. These include:

- The Rock Eisteddfod
- A Presentation Ball
- A Leadership Development program and Awards Ceremony
- A Musical production
- The Interschool Dance Competition
- A highly successful Sports Program
- Chess and Debating
- Community Classroom
- Arrange of Academic Competitions



Fairhills High School

A School for Aspiring Families

Our Goal is to be a medium sized secondary school that enhances our Knox Community by providing a quality education for students across the full ability range, with the curriculum focused on excellence and success for all.

Our Mission is to lead all of our students so that they graduate as confident and effective life long learners.

SEAL Select Entry Accelerated Learning

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

Enhanced Learning Program

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



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SEAL Select Entry Accelerated Learning

The Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL) is a state wide Department of Education initiative available in only a limited number of chosen schools.



SEAL

Select Entry Accelerated Learning



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.

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.

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.

Accelerated Learning

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.

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.

Enhanced Learning Program

At Fairhills we also have an Enhanced Learning class which complements the SEAL Program. It is designed for these students who don't quite meet the requirements necessary for SEAL but none-the-less are capable students well able to work at a faster rate.



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.

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 _____

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

