

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. Over ninety percent of our Year 12 graduates who apply to VTAC receive tertiary offers.

Academic Academies

Fairhills has three designated specialisations arranged as Academies:

- Performing Arts Academy - a wide range of opportunities to learn, practice and perform in music, theatre and dance.
- STEM Academy - a wide range of opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths including robotics, airbrushing, 3D printing, nano technology, coding and sustainable futures.
- Basketball Academy - In association with Knox Basketball Association, students can build their fitness and skills in a sequential program from Years 7 to 12 which includes coaching and sports administration certification.

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:

- Instrumental Music Program
- A Presentation Ball
- A Leadership Development program and Awards Ceremony
- A Musical production and Interschool Dance Competition
- A highly successful Sports Program
- Chess and Debating
- 21st Century Global Classroom
- International tours to Japan, Thailand, Germany and USA
- A range of Academic Competitions.
- STEM electives including Robotics, Coding and Investigations.

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 Learning Aptitude Test
- 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 accredited 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.



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

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.

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.



Fairhills High is the accredited SEAL provider for the Knox and Maroondah local government areas although students from other areas may apply.

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 pastoral care tutorials) 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, Language, Art, Literature or Technology, gain a valuable insight into their anticipated careers through our many work related VET options 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 ATAR 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 those 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 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.

SEAL Select Entry Accelerated Learning

Our SEAL Program challenges and engages high ability learners to accelerate and enrich their learning.

SEAL APPLICATION FOR YEAR 7

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

Full name of Parent(s)

Full name of Student

Student's Date of Birth

Gender

Residential Address

..... Postcode

Email Address

Phone Number

Name of Current Primary School

Name of Grade 6 Teacher

Parents Signature Date

A payment of \$50 is required to sit the Entrance Exam. This amount will be credited in full towards your Family Statement upon your child's commencement at Fairhills High School.

Payments can be made through any of the following methods:

DIRECT DEPOSIT

Account name: Fairhills High School
BSB - 313 140
Account 19264801

Please include the descriptor SEAL + your child's surname as your descriptor so we are able to identify you. Direct deposit payments are due one week before the testing date.

PHONE PAYMENT

Please phone the General Office with your credit card details on 9758 5022.

IN PERSON

At the General Office between 8.30am - 3.30 pm Monday to Friday.

Application closing dates

Please return this application to Fairhills High School as soon as possible. First testing session **applications close 27th April 2018**. A second testing session for applications received after this date will be held later in the year. Further enquiries: Telephone 9758 5022

