

Brentwood Secondary College Enrichment Program 2017

Students entering Brentwood Secondary College at Year 7 in 2017 have the opportunity to apply for a place in the Curriculum Enrichment Program. This program is offered to year 7 students who demonstrate academic skills above those of their peer group. Year 7 students in the program undertake the same core subjects as the rest of the year level, in addition to further enrichment and in-depth studies of the curriculum. There is a greater emphasis on higher order thinking skills, as well as independent learning and research. Students in the enrichment program will also be expected to engage in extension activities through academic competitions, excursions and school based activities. Participation in the program is dependent on students continuing to satisfy criteria reflecting the college values for learning and community.

The enrichment program will:

- accelerate the pace of learning in all subjects and add a broader range of enriching experiences
- allow for the potential to accelerate by a whole year level in Mathematics - year 10 content completed by the end of year 9
- implement programs that are consistent with the Victorian Curriculum
- eliminate repetition
- limit practice of already mastered skills
- ensure higher order thinking is an integral process in student learning
- make provision for in-depth study
- be culturally inclusive, and affirm students' cultural and linguistic backgrounds
- include provision for the continuation of appropriate EAL and other support, where required
- ensure that accelerated learning leaves no significant gaps in a student's knowledge, skills, behaviours and understandings.

Two dedicated homegroups comprise students who have been selected for the enrichment program, one HG studies German language and the other Japanese language. The program runs as a dedicated homegroup for the same group of students for three years. Students will be expected to study language until at least the end of year 9.

Registering to enter the program - Invitations are extended only to those students who have been offered a position in year 7 the following year. If Brentwood is not the closest school to your place of residence, parents are advised to wait until your son or daughter has been offered a position in year 7 at Brentwood before applying to enter the program. Parents of interested students are invited to register online to sit the *edutest* entry tests. The tests will be conducted on **Saturday September 10, 2016** in the Brentwood Hall. The 5 tests: Verbal Reasoning, Numerical Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics and Creative Writing will be supervised by *edutest* staff between **8:15am and 11:30am**. The cost of sitting the entrance exam is \$75. Applications close on **Friday September 2, 2016**. Click here to register - <https://aus.edutest.com.au/D/?t=LBKMT88E>

Application selection process - Selection will be based on the overall results of the *edutest* entry tests. Students will have an option of studying German or Japanese language. In a situation where one language class is full, based on student preference, students with the highest testing scores will be awarded their preference. Students who aren't offered a position in the language class of their choice will be offered a position in the program, but in the alternate language class. A waiting list of students who were unsuccessful in their bid to join the program but still enrolled in year 7 at Brentwood could fill any vacancies that arise throughout the three year period. An Assistant Principal will review the academic performance of Enrichment Program students and other interested candidates in Semester 2 2017 and Semester 2 2018 to offer places to students beginning the following year.

Transition to VCE – Students exiting the Curriculum Enrichment Program at the end of year 9 may be offered the opportunity to undertake two VCE studies in year 10 in 2020.