



SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING Program

FHS SEAL INFORMATION PACK 2021

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program at Footscray High School. The school has worked with EduTest to design a series of tests to identify students who are suitable for the program. Only students currently enrolled in Grade 6 may apply.

How to Apply

To apply for the Year 7 SEAL Program at Footscray High School you must register with [EduTest](#) via their website. There is also a link to the edutest page accessible via the [SEAL page](#) on the Footscray High School website.

FHS Edutest Registration Link: <http://aus.edutest.com.au/D/?t=QX8CCN91>

It is important to note that students applying for the FHS SEAL program must reside in the Footscray High School Neighborhood Zone. After acceptance of offer, successful applicants will follow the standard FHS enrolment process which includes verification of current residential address. More information on school zones and the enrolment process can be found on the [School Zones](#) and [Enrolment Process](#) pages of the FHS Website

The closing date for Edutest registration is Friday June 5th 2020

Please note that test results will not be released to parents or guardians. The EduTest date will be advised. If your child has applied for other schools that use the EduTest, it is only necessary to sit the test once, at the school whose test occurs first. Results are transferred to any schools that test later. However you must apply to each school and pay a fee for each. For further information on the edutest application process please see the [edutest website](#)

Testing Day

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the previously advised testing date of Friday 29th May 2020 has been postponed. Applicants will be contacted via email with an alternate testing date as soon as arrangements are made

- The test will be held at Footscray High School - Barkly Campus, [298 Barkly Street, Footscray VIC 3011](#) and will be conducted by Edutest.
- Children should bring a snack, a bottle of water, two blue or black pens, two HB or 2B pencils, a pencil sharpener and an eraser. Parents are not permitted in the testing room. Mobile phones are not permitted.
- Photo ID of the student applicant will be required (Passport, Student ID Card, Travel Card, Library Card)

Following the test:

The test results are returned to FHS. Offers are expected to be made by mid August 2020. If you have any queries, please contact the school via email: sealp@footscray.vic.edu.au

FAQ

The SEAL Program offers a curriculum that enables students with exceptional academic ability to benefit from a faster paced, more challenging and enriched program tailored to their learning needs.

How are students selected for the SEAL Program?

1. Students for the Year 7 SEAL Program at Footscray High School in 2021 are selected in Grade 6 through academic testing conducted by [EduTest](#).
2. Applicants for the Year 7 SEAL Program at Footscray High School must register with [EduTest](#) via their [website](#) by **Friday June 5th 2020**
3. Academic testing is conducted by Edutest and will take place at the Footscray High School Barkly St Campus.
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How is the program structured?

The SEAL Program at Footscray High School is offered as a six-year program. While there may be exceptional cases where a student completes Years 7 to 12 in five years, our program is aimed at SEAL students completing the full six years of secondary schooling. A student may be academically ready for tertiary study after five years, however we believe a further year for social development and maturity will enhance a student's readiness for study in a tertiary environment.

The structure of the program is as follows

- Years 7 to 9 - completion of the Year 7 to 10 curriculum
- Year 10 - a combination of the study of enriched Year 10 units as well as some VCE Units
- Years 11 and 12 - the study of VCE units, and the possibility of studying a first year university subject in Year 12

What are the defining features of the curriculum?

The curriculum will have an emphasis on:

- Content of greater complexity and depth
- More abstract and challenging open-ended tasks
- Higher order critical and creative thinking and problem-solving skills
- Independent research and opportunities for active investigations with a local and global citizenship focus
- a supportive environment that encourages learning and working cooperatively with like-minded peers



How are SEALP students integrated within the school?

In Year 7 and 8 there is a comprehensive and compulsory curriculum and all students are organised into homegroups, which they remain with for all classes except languages (Italian and Japanese) and sport. The SEAL students will also form a homegroup.

There are further opportunities in these junior years, for diverse peer interactions and friendships with students outside of their homegroup. For example, there are college swimming and athletics carnivals, year level camps and excursions, as well as a range of other extra-curricula options.

Year 9 SEAL students remain together for their core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Health/PE. They will also be in mixed groupings for a range of electives and projects that are common to the entire year level cohort.

SEAL students will have individualised programs when they transition to the Senior Campus in Year 10 where they will remain as a group for English, but will be in mixed groupings for other Year 10 and VCE units. In Years 11 and 12 they will undertake VCE units with the rest of the VCE cohort. It is expected that SEAL Year 10 students would be studying at least two Year 11 VCE subjects in their Year 10 year.

Students will also have many opportunities to engage in the wider life of the college through participation in events such as the school productions, music performances, sporting competitions, student leadership programs, academic competitions, debating, and the many clubs available.

What are the expectations of students in the SEAL Program?

Students will need to be capable of independent learning and demonstrate a high level of motivation.

Accepting responsibility for their own learning, an ability to overcome difficulties and a high level of resilience are also important attributes in meeting the challenges of the program.

Students will be expected to meet a demanding work and study schedule and consistently demonstrate serious effort and persistence. They will also be involved in a range of curriculum challenges in partnership with external organisations, such as Melbourne and Victoria Universities.

Accelerated learning programs do not necessarily suit all students with exceptional academic ability so it is important that students are committed to entering the program. The student's' progress will be monitored regularly to ensure their continued suitability for the program. Students will be supported to remain in the program, but should a student demonstrate continued difficulty with meeting the expectations of the program, they may be required to move into a mainstream class.

Generally students who commit to the program will rise to the academic challenges and enjoy learning in a supportive environment that extends the horizons of their considerable talents and potential.

KEY DATES

Application closing date. Applications via EduTest (no late applications can be accepted).

Friday June 5th

EduTest test day at Footscray High School - Barkly Campus

TBA - Please monitor you email for updated testing arrangements

Notification of successful applicants – offers posted.

Mid August 2020 - Date determined by Department of Education.

Offer to be accepted by parent/guardian

Friday 21st August

Second round offer notifications begin

Monday 31st August



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
FOR THE 2021 YEAR 7 INTAKE

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Program

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EduTest registration closes Friday 22nd

