



Bellarine Secondary College

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program

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The Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL) at Bellarine Secondary College is accredited, one of only 35 across Victoria.

The SEAL program at Bellarine Secondary College provides a learning environment for like-minded students who have demonstrated the capacity to progress through their learning at a faster rate than their peers.

The SEAL program is a fantastic opportunity for students ready to embrace the extra challenge it offers.

Bellarine Secondary College's DUX in 2024 was a former SEAL student who attributed much of her success to her experience with her classroom teachers.

In 2025, SEAL students again accounted for a large share of the top college results, with many earning high ATAR scores. Most students who received the highest study score in their Unit 3 & 4 subjects were SEAL students from either Year 11 or Year 12.

Regular assessment of Bellarine Secondary College SEAL students via the University of NSW ICAS tests has shown that students achieve at Victoria's top level of education.

What Does Acceleration Mean?

The Accelerated Learning Program enables students to complete their secondary education more quickly by providing challenging learning experiences tailored to the needs of talented learners.

There is greater emphasis on higher-order thinking and learning skills, as well as on independent learning and research. Course content is compacted so that a typical year 7-10 program is covered more quickly than average without omitting anything. The accelerated program contains less repetition.

Enrichment is provided by broadening content, understanding, experience, and skills to a level appropriate to students' developmental stages. Extension leads to in-depth study and deeper integration and application of knowledge.

The Program

Students are accelerated in the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Humanities, Science, Indonesian Language, The Arts, Digital and Design Technologies, Health and Physical Education.

Students will have opportunities to participate in the full range of co-curricular activities offered by the school, including inter-school sports, leadership programs, student government, and the camps program.

The range of co-curricular activities offered widens significantly as students enter middle and senior school, including the possibility of subject specialty camps such as Eco5 and Outdoor Education, Leadership Camps, and overseas study tours.



Important Dates

Parent/Guardian Information Evening:

Tuesday 24th, February 2026
Ocean Grove Campus

Applications Close:

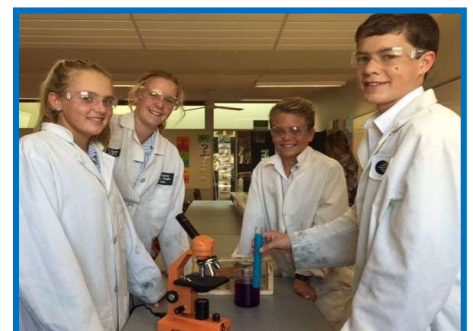
Wednesday 15th July at 4.00 pm
(Please ensure that you include copies of academic reports and NAPLAN reports. You will be required to register for the Edutest and pay a fee of \$45)

Edutest Selection Test:

Tuesday 21st July 2026
Drysdale Campus

Interviews:

Student Interviews will be held during the week starting Monday, 3rd August.



Student Eligibility

The SEAL program is not for all students. It is both demanding and rewarding. It provides students with a challenge and enrichment within a motivated, academic peer group. It entails a greater workload and depth of learning in the early years of secondary schooling. The SEAL program is suited to students who:

- ✓ Have a strong and positive self-concept
- ✓ Have high levels of creativity
- ✓ Have a high level of maturity and commitment
- ✓ Are motivated and capable of independent learning

How do Students Gain Selection?

The selection process for the SEAL program is designed to identify students for whom this type of program is appropriate.

The selection process involves formal testing in the areas of:

- ✓ Mathematical skills
- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Comprehension
- ✓ Creative writing

We also take into consideration:

- Information from the applicant's primary school
- Student's school attendance across Grade 5 & 6
- Information from the applicant's parent/s or guardian/s
- NAPLAN test results

Students will be asked to sit the Edutest Scholarship Test.

The test will be conducted at the **Drysdale Campus on Tuesday, 22nd July 2026, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

The short-listed applicants will be interviewed at the Ocean Grove Campus from Monday, 3rd August, to Friday, 7th August.

Where do you send the completed forms?

There are 25 places available in the program. Final decisions about place offers will consider all available information. Parents/guardians will be advised of the outcome as soon as practicable.

Please complete the attached application forms and provide copies of:

- **NAPLAN** testing results
- **Grade 5 reports**

Applications close on Wednesday, 15th July at 4.00 pm.

Please deliver to either Campus or post to the Drysdale Campus.

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Student Pathways

Year at Secondary School	Program
1	Year 7-8
2	Year 8-9
3	Year 9-10
At the end of the third year, after appropriate counselling, decisions will be made about an appropriate pathway for each student.	
4	Year 10 – some VCE Units 1 & 2
5	Year 11 – Units 1 & 2, VET, some Units 3 & 4
6	Completion of Year 12 with additional Units 3 & 4; VET; Tertiary Enhancement subjects

