



## A Select Entry Class for High Achieving Students Year 7-9

At Bayside P-12 College, we offer an opportunity for highly motivated and academically able students. This is a select entry class. The focus is on providing students with a challenging and rewarding learning environment. Our program aims to build a strong culture of ambition and achievement, where students are encouraged to undertake opportunities for extension, challenge and leadership. This program is offered at both junior campuses: Altona North and Williamstown. Interested students are required to sit an entrance exam in Maths and English.

### Vision Statement |

The Academic Achievers Program, Year 7 to 9, is designed for students who are avid learners. The program has been developed around an explicit instructional model to extend and challenge these students, whilst working within an innovative curriculum. Students develop their skills and knowledge by exploring content at a metacognitive level, generating depth of understanding and meaning. Students are expected to make links between interdisciplinary learning, real world problem solving and our school-wide wellbeing program.

### Academic Achievers |

We aim to enrich student learning through:

- High expectations and challenging curriculum
- Higher order thinking tasks and assessments
- An engaging range of excursions and learning opportunities
- Links to tertiary institutions
- Acceleration into VCE courses at Year 10 level



### Program Structure |

Students are grouped for all their core studies. This is in English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Music, and Physical Education. They may choose electives in Year 9. Students stay in the same grouping from Year 7 through to Year 9. At the end of each year, students will undergo a review of their placement in our program. This will include testing and teacher recommendation. Parents will be kept informed of the progress of their child throughout the year.

### Participation in the School Community |

Students are expected to participate in the broader aspects of college life. Students will be given opportunities to participate in Maths and Science challenges, Debating and Public Speaking, Community projects and the Arts. Our Year 9 students have access to Science at Monash University and "Maths Challenge" from our Senior Maths Faculty. Other extension activities are offered throughout the year.





### **Instrumental Music |**

All students in the Academic Achievers class will be encouraged to play a musical instrument. Students come together to form the Junior College Band playing at all major College events. This occurs at the Williamstown campus only. At Altona North, students are encouraged to pursue small group ensembles – classic or contemporary.

### **Options for Acceleration at the Senior Campus |**

The program aims for students to access VCE subjects at Year 10 level. Students will be encouraged to study Advanced Maths and Advanced English and can select from an area of the VCE offered to Year 10. Every year, most of our top achievers in Year 12 have been past participants in the Academic Achievers program. We are proud of the opportunities this program affords our students.

### **Application Process for 2023|**

Our Academic Achievers Program has delivered excellent outcomes for over 15 years.

Parents and prospective students should be aware that there have been departmental changes on how schools can run testing for special programs like the Academic Achievers Program. Students can now only apply for the program AFTER they have been offered a mainstream place at the college.

Parents who are interested in their child joining the Academic Achievers Program must reside within the enrolment for the school. Once enrolments are finalised, in late July, we will be contacting all applicants for the opportunity to sit for the Academic Achievers select entry testing. We anticipate that the test will now be in August.

If you have any further questions and intend to apply to the college and register for the Academic Achievers test please email the Academic Achievers Coordinator [Nolene.symons@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Nolene.symons@education.vic.gov.au)

