

Dear Parents and Guardians

As the term draws to a close I would like to share some information about one of our specialist programs that is on offer for our students; SEAL. The Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program currently runs in year 7 and 8. It will be extended to year 9 in 2017 and year 10 in 2018. The program caters to the learning needs of students who have demonstrated a history of strong academic performance and entry to the program is via a standard test administered by an external organisation. Students sit for the test prior to enrolment in year 7.

The program is delivered through a combination of accelerated, compressed and extension formats. This is complemented by a range of subjects offered with peers to ensure a balanced approach to both social interaction and curriculum delivery. Accordingly, the core subjects of Mathematics, Science LOTE and Humanities are delivered in a compressed accelerated format while English is delivered as an extension subject where students will complete similar content to their peers. However, it will be covered in greater detail and they will go into more depth for some areas of study.

English, being the only compulsory subject for the successful completion of the VCE will not be accelerated, rather taught under the format of extension. Each student has a comprehensive Individual Learning Plan that is informed by data based evidence. Students are assessed according to the relevant assessment schedule in alignment with their program.

Where positions in the program become available over the course of the year, students who are interested are able to sit the test to ascertain their suitability to the program.

Over the next few weeks I will be sharing details of a number of our specialised programs.

Warm Regards,

**Jo Wastle**  
**Acting Principal**

## Key Dates

Wednesday 16th March  
Year 7 Immunisations - Round 1

Thursday 17th March  
Year 7 2017 Information Night

Saturday 19th March  
Working Bee

Wednesday 23rd March  
Student FREE day  
Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday 24th March  
Cross Country Run  
Last Day of Term 1  
Early Dismissal - 2.30pm

Monday 11th April  
First Day of Term 2

Tuesday 19th April  
Athletics Carnival

Friday 22nd April  
Student FREE day  
Staff Professional Learning Day

Monday 25th April  
ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 27th April  
Year 7 2017 Information Night - Repeat

Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th May  
NAPLAN

Saturday 14th May  
SEAL exam

## Essential Information

All parents are encouraged to attend the parent teacher conferences that are held on Wednesday 23rd. Please see details attached.

Thursday 24th sees all students participate in the cross country. Please note that this is the last day of term 1 and there will be an early dismissal at 2:30pm



Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Dear Parents,

Parent – Teacher – Student Conferences will be held on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** at the following times:

- 12.00pm – 2.00pm
- 2.30pm – 5.30pm
- 6.30pm – 8.30pm

You can book your conferences times online via **Compass School Manager**, following the instructions on the back of this page.

- **Bookings for all students will open at 9.00am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March.**
- **Bookings for all students will close at 4.00pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**
- Bookings can only be made through Compass Parent Accounts. Students are unable to make bookings through their accounts.
- If you are unable to access your Compass account you can contact the General Office on (03) 9707 7600. Staff will be available to make bookings on your behalf.
- All conferences will take place in the Gwonawa and Later Years buildings. At the time of booking, a list of teacher locations will be provided so that you know where your conferences will take place. This information will also be posted around the school on the day of the conferences for your reference.
- Progress Reports will be available to view online via Compass from 9am on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.
- Progress Reports will be also available for collection from LY1 prior to your first scheduled appointments.
- All parents are encouraged to attend conferences with their children's teachers.
- Students are encouraged to attend conferences with their parents. However, they are not required to wear school uniform on this day.
- Please be aware that all conferences will be limited to 10 minutes. If you require additional time to speak to any of your child's teachers, please make an alternate meeting time.

Should you have any questions about making a booking, please don't hesitate to contact the front office.

Regards,

Joanne Wastle  
Acting Principal

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# Booking Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

Compass School Manager allows you to book Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences with your child's teachers. Because Compass knows who your child's timetable, it will only allow you to make bookings with:

- Any of their regular teachers
- Any of the Sub School Leaders

On your homepage next to your child's photo, click *Book Parent-Teacher Interviews*.

Note that this option will only appear when bookings have been opened.



Click on the name of the event you wish to book for.

Please select the event to manage your bookings.

Available events		
Event	Student	Status
Parent/Teacher Conferences - August 2014		Open for booking

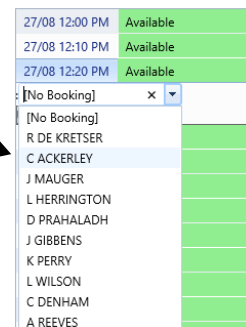
At the bottom of the screen will be a list of teachers who are available to you, including the subject they teach your child and their location on the day of the interviews.

Click on the time you wish to make a booking for.

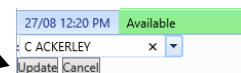
My Bookings					
Click the booking time to make/modify a booking. For further assistance, click the blue help icon at the top of the page.					
27/08 12:00 PM	Available	27/08 14:50 PM	Available		
27/08 12:10 PM	Available	27/08 15:00 PM	Available		

From the drop down menu, select the teacher you wish to make an appointment with.

Teachers who are unavailable will not be shown.



Click *Update*



Your booking will be shown by a red square with the teacher's name.

Repeat this process for each appointment you wish to make.

Note that changes will be saved automatically and there is no *Submit* or *Save* button.

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27/08 12:30 PM	Available
27/08 12:40 PM	Available