



ACADEMIC EXTENSION

High Performance Program

Established in 1977, Wanneroo Secondary College has a proud history of academic excellence and ATAR success. Students at our College benefit from the close partnerships with universities that provide opportunities for bonus ATAR points at the end of Year 12, not available at all other public or private schools in the Northern Suburbs.

ACADEMIC EXTENSION PROGRAM

The Academic Extension (AE) Program aims to encourage and stimulate students to excel at school. The program places particular emphasis on developing an understanding of different learning styles and skills in inquiry, analytical, critical and creative thinking. Classroom teachers aim to provide a stimulating environment, to give students the skills and the time to explore an issue, text or problem in more depth and communicate their conclusions more effectively. Students are encouraged to be inquisitive and take responsibility for their own learning.

THE CURRICULUM:

The curriculum studied by AE students is greatly enriched and extended to provide learning opportunities that assist them to maximize their talents and abilities and open pathways to University. Learning is enhanced by:

- Workshops and guest speakers supporting the development of problem-solving, critical and lateral thinking skills as well as organisation and research skills, emotional intelligence and career pathways.
- Opportunities to present to an audience the results of their research and to display presentation skills.
- Entry into competitions in Mathematics, Science, English and HASS.
- Involvement in special programs run by the Australian Business Community Network.

THE STRUCTURE AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Students in the AE Program are together for English, Humanities and Social Sciences, Mathematics and Science. The teachers of these subjects work co-operatively to develop a challenging and stimulating curriculum. The program supports the nurturing of leadership skills and the promotion of empathy towards all members of the community as an integral part of developing well rounded and successful individuals.

Entry can be gained into the Academic Extension High Performance program, by completing a selection test. In addition a number of places will be reserved for students whose NAPLAN results are meritorious or are recommended by their Primary School Teacher. Applicants need to complete an Academic Extension application form and the general enrolment form (included in this package). Alternatively, these forms can be located on the school website.