2024 SEAL Application Timeline

- 2024 SEAL Parent Information Night
 Monday 7 August 2023 6:30pm Chaffey SC Theatre
- 2024 SEAL Application due to Chaffey Secondary College, including primary school, parent and student evaluations Monday 21 August 2023
- 2024 SEAL testing
 Friday 8 September 2023 9am Chaffey SC Theatre
- Interview process for selected applicants and parents
- Offers posted to successful applicants prior to 2024 Year
 7 Orientation Day in Term 4

Application forms can be collected from Student Reception at Chaffey Secondary College or by accessing the link on the college website http://www.chaffeysc.vic.edu.au/



Information evening and additional information

An information evening will occur in term 3 at the College. For questions and inquiries about the program please contact the Chaffey SEAL Coordinator, Louise Button on 03 5023 0538.









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SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM

Chaffey Secondary College

In 2020, Chaffey Secondary College introduced the Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program for incoming Year 7 students. The SEAL program is an educational opportunity for those children capable of completing a more comprehensive and challenging secondary curriculum.

Chaffey is one of only forty schools in Victoria which is fully accredited to provide the SEAL program and is the only school in the Sunraysia region offering this opportunity for students.

What is the SEAL Program?

The Academy of Accredited SEAL Schools (TAASS) is a collective of like-minded schools who strongly value Gifted Education in Victorian Government secondary schools. SEAL Academy schools offer engaging, accelerated programs for identified groups of high ability students.

The SEAL program provides students with the opportunity to work with like-minded peers in the middle years of schooling and provides them with a broader and more flexible learning program in their senior years. Research has shown that students participating in this program achieve higher ATAR scores, with many students attributing their success at VCE and beyond to the skills they have learned as part of the SEAL program.

To access further information, go to: www.sealacademy.org.au

Who is best suited to SEAL?

The SEAL program is designed to provide a challenging curriculum to students who are achieving results above the expected level across a range of subject areas. To participate successfully in this program, students must also be those who:

- enjoy challenging themselves both academically and personally;
- can work independently;
- are self-motivated and organised;
- embrace leadership opportunities;
- have broad general knowledge; and
- are active members of their communities.





The Curriculum - Acceleration, Enrichment and Extension

Within the SEAL program, there is a greater emphasis on higher-order thinking and learning skills, independent learning, and research. Course content is compacted so that a typical year 7-10 program is covered more quickly than normal without omitting anything. The accelerated program contains less repetition. Students in the program participate in an accelerated curriculum in English and Mathematics during years 7-9, allowing them to complete four years of learning within three years. Students in Year 10 are then offered the opportunity to begin VCE English and Mathematics alongside other Year 10 subjects. Students also complete studies in the areas of Science, Humanities, the Arts, Technology, Physical Education and Languages during years 7-10.

Students are also encouraged to participate in the full range of extra-curricular activities offered by the College, including interschool sport, Student Representative Council, leadership programs, academic competitions, camps, and excursions. As part of the students' Language studies, an opportunity to participate in overseas study tours may arise in year 9 or 10.

The SEAL program is designed to provide a range of benefits to students, including:

- Tailored, challenging curriculum designed for high ability learners;
- Opportunity to work with like-minded peers;
- Acceleration in English and Mathematics in years 7-9;
- Access to VCE studies in English and Mathematics in Year 10;
- A broader, more flexible learning program in senior years;
- Opportunities for in-depth study and research;
- Greater emphasis on higher-order thinking and learning skills:
- Development of independent learning skills;
- Increased academic achievement, possibly leading to higher ATAR scores:
- Access to a range of extra-curricular activities offered by the College; and
- Preparation for tertiary studies and future careers.



What is expected of SEAL students?

The SEAL program requires a high level of commitment from students and their families. In addition to academic performance, students in the program are expected to:

- Attend and participate in all SEAL classes and activities.
- Complete all work to a high standard and on time.
- Participate in all extra-curricular activities offered by the College.
- Follow the College's policies and procedures, including uniform requirements.
- Maintain high standards of behaviour and attitude at all times.

The SEAL program at Chaffey Secondary College is a great opportunity for high-achieving students to accelerate their learning, develop their skills, and prepare for future academic and career success. If you believe your child is suitable for the program, we encourage you to attend the information evening and apply for the 2024 intake. If you have any questions or inquiries about the program, please contact the Chaffey SEAL Coordinator. Louise Button. on 03 5023 0538.

Selection Process for 2024 SEAL intake

The selection process for the SEAL program is designed to assist the College in identifying students for whom this type of program is appropriate.

The selection process involves formal testing in the areas of:

- Mathematics:
- Abstract Reasoning;
- Reading; and
- Writing.

We also take into consideration:

- information from the applicant's primary school including NAPLAN, On Demand and PAT test results.
- information from the applicant's parents/guardians.
- a formal interview.