



# WELLINGTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

## HIGH FLYERS PROGRAM

Wellington Secondary College offers several methods for students to access enriched learning opportunities:

- A. High Flyers Learning Program Year 7 to Year 9
- B. Mathematics Acceleration through selection into advanced maths groups from Years 7 – 10 culminating in advanced study of VCE Maths.
- C. Accelerated study of VCE subjects from Year 10. This is decided on an individual basis through assessment of student needs and abilities. In 2017, more than 100 Year 10 students are undertaking an advanced VCE study.

### **What is the High Flyers Program?**

The High Flyer Learning Program is designed to cater for the needs of very able students. It differs from the mainstream program by providing a greater level of student autonomy and the opportunity to work on more abstract, complex and in depth material. The focus is on 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and global citizenship. Our Educational Mentor, Lee Crockett, will continue to work with the teachers involved in this program to ensure that the College is offering the highest quality teaching practices to maximise student learning.

### **High Flyers Learning Program – Year 7, 2018**

The Wellington Secondary College High Flyers Program is designed to provide an educational program for students with demonstrated high academic potential and achievement.

### **Structure: *Wellington Secondary College Acceleration Program: Years 7 and 8***

Selected students will work together in a home group for core studies in English, Science and Humanities. The curriculum will focus on the development of creative and critical thinking, collaboration and complex problem solving.

Students will study either French or Mandarin and will also be encouraged to study a language of their choice through the Victorian School of Languages (VSL).

The Mathematics Program at Wellington Secondary College caters for gifted Maths students. Students from the Wellington High Flyers Program will access appropriate levels of Maths study as indicated through testing.

An instrumental music study is compulsory for the Year 7 students with an expectation that this will be continued in Year 8 (but not compulsory). Musical talent or ability or previous musical experience are **NOT** prerequisites for selection. **There will be a cost involved.**

In order to provide a balanced program in Years 7 and 8, students will also undertake studies in Drama, Physical Education (PE), Health, Arts and Technology.

### **Year 9**

Students will continue to part of the High Flyers Program in their core studies. They should also select elective subjects that focus on extension and preparation for an enhanced pathway to VCE and beyond.

### **Year 10 and VCE**

These pathways could include:

An opportunity to begin their VCE study in Year 10

Additional VCE studies, taken over 3 years, to improve a student's ATAR(Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)

Tertiary enhancement (University) studies taken along with VCE studies in the final year.

Pathways, at this stage of the program, will be determined by performance, teacher recommendations and parent/student choices.

**Note:** Continued high achievement is necessary for students to remain in the program.

### **Selection Procedure for Entry to Year 7 High Flyers Learning Program**

Initial Testing will be held at Wellington Secondary College on Saturday 14 May, 2016 between 9am and 12noon. This will include a general academic test and a short piece of written prose. Successful applicants, after this process, will also participate in formal interview.

Applications for Academic Scholarships and places in the High Flyers Program must be completed online. The link, to apply, is on the College website at [www.wellingtonsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.wellingtonsc.vic.edu.au)

Academic Scholarship and/or High Flyer Learning Program recipients will be selected after a formal interview, careful consideration of test results and additional information provided on request from primary school teachers.