



High Achievers' Program



Blackburn HIGH SCHOOL

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Blackburn conducts a highly sought-after High Achievers' Program for very able students. It is not an acceleration program, it is a different way of teaching and learning that enables students to expand their minds in creative and innovative ways.

This exceptional program aims to develop lifelong learners who are enthusiastic, adaptable, creative, collaborative, responsive, self-directed, resilient, capable of managing networks and able to work in hierarchical environments.

Students Will Be Taught

- Questioning strategies
- Multiple ways of solving problems
- Multiple ways of making decisions
- Reflective thinking skills
- Collaborative practices
- How to manage information in a society that is overloaded with information (critical thinking skills)
- Creative thinking strategies

Learning In The High Achievers' Program

Our approach is the explicit teaching of thinking skills to guide our students' intellectual development.

Students will have the opportunity to apply those thinking skills to investigate, explore and challenge concepts and ideas within the curriculum.

Students will have the opportunity to access an early VCE pathway.

Year 10

Year 10 students may undertake Units 1 and 2 VCE subject/s. This will depend upon meeting the academic requirements and subject availability.

Year 11

Year 11 students may undertake Units 3 and 4 VCE subject/s. This will depend upon meeting the academic requirements and subject availability.

Selection For High Achievers' Program

All students enrolled for Year 7 at Blackburn High School will sit the Edutest examination. This is held at Blackburn High School during their Grade 6 year.

Students who are shown to be in the upper range for educational performance and potential will be invited to attend an interview with the Principal and/or Senior Staff. Places in the program will be offered from these interviews.

Parents interested in finding out more about the program are invited to attend our HAP Information Night. For more information, please visit blackburnhs.vic.edu.au.

What the Examination Measures

Ability

- Verbal Reasoning, 30 minutes long. Measures the ability to think and reason using words and language. This includes vocabulary, word relationships, classification and deduction.
- Numerical Reasoning, 30 minutes long. Measures the ability to think and reason using numbers. This includes series, matrices, arithmetical reasoning and deduction.

Achievement

- Reading Comprehension, 30 minutes long. Measures the capacity to read and interpret meaning from written passages, as well as correct, complete and punctuate sentences.
- Mathematics, 30 minutes long. Measures year-level appropriate mathematical knowledge, including items tapping numbers, measurement, algebra, space and data.

Application Examination and Interview

Students sit for an Edutest examination held at Blackburn High School. If the student's results match the criteria for selection for the program they will then be invited to attend an interview with the Principal and/or Senior Staff.

A place is then offered based on the results of the examination and interview.

Parents interested in finding out more about the program are invited to email the program coordinator Mr David Coulter on **David.Coulter@education.vic.gov.au** or visit **blackburnhs.vic.edu.au**.



More Information?

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