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IGNITE at Aberfoyle Park High School

WHAT IS THE IGNITE PROGRAM?

IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential. Aberfoyle Park High School is the official Department for Education school for gifted students in the southern metropolitan area of Adelaide. The IGNITE program is also offered at Glenunga International High School and The Heights.

Research shows that students with high intellectual potential benefit from a curriculum that involves high-levels of challenge, immersion with intellectual peers and access to enrichment activities and programs.

In line with our school's direction, the program provides students with the environment to pursue excellence and achieve their personal best. We know that each child is unique and the program is flexible to support their individual needs.

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?

Students are selected for entry into IGNITE through an ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) assessment which is held in February. Based on the results of this test, further assessment of suitability may be involved. This could include an interview and presentation of a portfolio of work.

Each year Aberfoyle Park High School accepts approximately 50 students through this process. The assessment is open to students in Year 7 or exceptionally gifted and mature Year 6 students for entry into Year 8.

Students that have been selected into the IGNITE program are guaranteed direct entry into Aberfoyle Park High School, regardless of whether they live in the zone.



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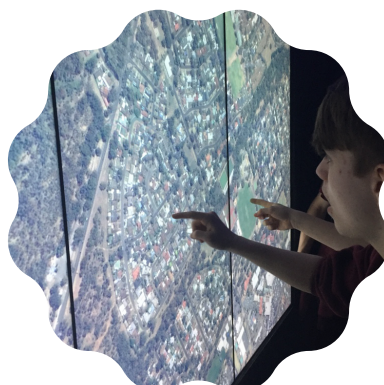
FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

- The IGNITE curriculum is designed with a focus on developing capabilities such as: intercultural and ethical understanding, self-management and social awareness, and critical and creative thinking.
- Subjects are extended for intellectual stretch and further extension through acceleration can occur within a student's area of strength.
- Aberfoyle Park High School teachers are trained in gifted education and design curriculum specifically for highly-able learners.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students in the IGNITE program have access to a wide range of enrichment activities to support their learning, such as:

- Innovation challenges
- Debating
- STEM activities and competitions
- Various Music ensembles
- Sporting teams and competitions
- Chess Club
- Philosophy Club and the Ethics Olympiad



THE CURRICULUM MODEL

Research in Gifted Education shows that there is no singular model that meets the needs of all students with high intellectual potential, which is why our program is designed for students to personalise their curriculum.

1st to 3rd Year IGNITE (Years 8 - 10) involves the study of an extended curriculum in subjects such as English, Maths, Science, HASS, Languages, Digital Technologies, Health and Physical Education and Specialist Music.

4th to 5th Year IGNITE (Years 11 - 12) have the choice of completing the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) or the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP).

Acceleration of subjects or year levels is an option for all students.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

1ST YEAR IGNITE Year 8 Australian Curriculum extended for gifted learners Full year compulsory subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• HASS• Mathematics• Science• Specialist Music• Language Semester compulsory subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and PE• Technologies (Digital Technology and Food Technology)	2ND YEAR IGNITE Year 9 Australian Curriculum extended for gifted learners Full year compulsory subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• HASS• Mathematics• Science• Language Semester compulsory subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and PE Choice of three semester length Year 9 elective subjects	3RD YEAR IGNITE Year 10 Australian Curriculum extended for gifted learners Full year compulsory subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• Mathematics• Science• PLP and Integrated Learning Semester compulsory subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and PE• HASS Choice of four semester length Year 10 elective subjects
4TH YEAR IGNITE SACE OR IBDP Students study a range of subjects in order to meet the requirements of the SACE or IBDP. This includes both elective and compulsory subjects.	5TH YEAR IGNITE SACE OR IBDP Students study a range of subjects in order to meet the requirements of the SACE or IBDP. This includes both elective and compulsory subjects.	

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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