

2022 Academic Excellence Program – FAQs



1. *How many students will be involved in the program?*

There is one class of students in Year 7 who meet the Academic Excellence Program (AEP) criteria with regards to achievement and a separate interview process.

2. *What does this AEP class mean for day-to-day engagement for students?*

In Year 7 the students enrolled in the AEP will remain as one class for Home Group and all subjects. Students in Year 7 experience all elective subjects so that they are able to make informed choices in the following years.

Students will remain in their AEP class throughout Year 7, 8 and 9 for core subjects of English, Maths, Science and Humanities. Whilst this generally stays the same for Year 10, as more differentiation becomes available for subject selection in senior schooling students may select different electives (eg Geography or History) within these core subjects.

3. *How many teachers are involved in teaching the AEP class?*

Teachers of core subjects will challenge and extend students in their critical and creative thinking through focussed attention to cognitions. Specialist teachers will teach electives from the Arts and Technologies, as well as Physical Education.

4. *What does extension through the Academic Excellence Program look like?*

Students working in the AEP will:

- Work with Inquiry. Guided by the Australian Curriculum General Capability: Critical and Creative Thinking, teachers will promote engagement in analysis and evaluations requiring justification of decisions and stances.
- Move through work at a faster pace, allowing for the development of greater depth of understanding and opportunities for extended responses
- Work collaboratively. Skills described in the General Capability – Personal and Social Capability will be essential for participating in the AEP.
- Research and prepare for lessons so that more in-class time can be allocated to inquiry.
- Engage with a broader base of learning and extension opportunities including that from external agencies.
- Reflect on their progress as a basis for improvement

5. *What kinds of assessments will the students engage in?*

Students will be encouraged to develop skills in self and peer assessment and will benefit from regular feedback from teachers. Subjects will offer a range of assessments opportunities in a formative and summative manner, including in-class activities as well as exams, assignments and performances.

6. *What scholarships are offered?*

Everton Park SHS offers Academic, Sporting, Leadership, Cultural, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) scholarships.