

YEAR 8 SEAL PROGRAM

English:

The focus in this subject will be on extending students beyond the usual Year 8 Curriculum. Students will study challenging texts and develop skills that will allow them to analyse these texts effectively. They will plan, compose, revise and edit both written and spoken texts, which examine different perspectives on complex themes and issues.

Maths:

SEAL students are taught Mathematics at Year 9 level in Year 8, which is advanced by one school year. The one year advancement allows students to tackle senior mathematics subjects one year earlier than the main student body, allowing Year 11 and 12 mathematics subjects to be commenced during Year 10. The Year 8 SEAL course content is identical to the standard Year 9 course, however, there is a focus on high level thinking, problem solving and independent learning appropriate to the learning capabilities of SEAL students.

Students use a combination of book work, computer tasks and hands on activities to develop their mathematical skills. They are expected to complete work set in class for homework regularly.

Students are assessed at the end of each topic, their book work and computer tasks are to be used to moderate their grades.

Humanities:

This unit is an advanced Year 8 unit. Topics covered will be the same as those studied in Year 8 mainstream classes but the Achievement Standards met will be those of the Year 9 Victorian Curriculum.

Science:

Science (SEAL) is an advanced level of study. The topics will be the same as those studied in Year 8 mainstream classes, but students cover these topics in greater depth.

Japanese:

Students acquire communication skills in Japanese. They develop understanding about the role of language and culture in communication. Their reflections on language use and language learning are applied in other learning contexts. Our curriculum focuses on topic such as weekly activities, food, routines, telling time, school activities, hobbies, describing people and festivals. Language studies have a strong emphasis on metalanguage, vocabulary, grammar, and the functions of particles: including effects on meaning when manipulating grammar for complex sentence structure.