

ACADEMIC EXTENSION



OPPORTUNITY

Our Academic Extension program accelerates and enriches the learning experience of students through a focus on analytical, creative, collaborative, and critical thinking skills, whilst offering opportunities to engage in a variety of extra-curricular learning experiences, to ensure students reach their full academic potential.

CHALLENGE

The program brings together like minded, highly academically capable students, fostering the development of their talents as well as caring for their social and emotional needs. Students are challenged by an accelerated and differentiated curriculum that values higher order, critical thinking and critical literacy in a student-centred learning environment. Students follow the WA Curriculum. A focus of the program is on extension and extra-curricular activities.

GROWTH

Our uniquely flexible program is available to students in Year 7 (continuing then into 8, 9 and 10) and operates in two pathways - a Maths and Science pathway and an English and Humanities & Social Sciences pathway. Students may access one or both pathways depending on their academic talents.

PROGRAM AIMS:

- Academic Extension provides the opportunity for extracurricular and cross-cultural activities.
- Acceleration, extension and challenge of curriculum content (without additional workload).
- Focus on metacognition – learning how to learn; not just focusing on the grade and instil an appreciation of learning for life.
- Differentiated curriculum, catering for individual needs.
- Collaborative learning, fostering teamwork.
- Student centred to develop independent thinking and learning.
- Foster risk taking (often students are risk averse).
- Program goal for students to aspire to be the best version of themselves.



SELECTION

Selection into the Ocean Reef Academic Extension Program is based on the results of a selection test which is conducted at Ocean Reef Senior High School. The Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST) is used by secondary schools to identify academically gifted students for participation in accelerated learning and enhancement programs. HAST is designed to measure innate ability and academic potential unlike curriculum-based tests which typically identify what a student has already learned. Students will be tested in Reading, Mathematics, Abstract Reasoning and Written Expression.

Continued involvement in the program is reliant upon achievement in line with course expectations and maintaining Good Standing.



Applications are now open for Year 7, 2025.

Applications close Friday, 22 March

www.oceanreef.wa.edu.au/learning/our-programs/academic-extension



- Aspirational students
- Inspirational teaching teams
- Innovative instructional leaders; and
- Engaged families and community



Ocean Reef Senior High School is committed to ensuring every child is on a pathway to success.

Ocean Reef Senior High School is committed to ensuring every child is on a pathway to success. Through a high-performance culture, and teacher efficacy, we nurture every student's talents. We foster the knowledge, skills, capabilities, attributes and values they will require for successful ongoing learning and life beyond school.

Our teaching and learning programs are designed to be challenging and innovative, stimulating curiosity, creativity and an ability to be reflective, placing students on a pathway that will enable them to realise their aspirations through opportunity. Of equal importance is our commitment to student health and emotional wellbeing, and the development of their personal sense of global, social and environmental responsibility.

CONTACT US

08 6206 2700

www.oceanreef.wa.edu.au

oceanreef.shs.enquiries@education.wa.edu.au

