



HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM 2018

A highly sought after program that enables students to expand their minds in creative and innovative ways ensuring students' engagement and academic acceleration

At Berwick College we strive to cater for all students within our vibrant learning community. Students who show high academic aptitude and have high academic aspirations are particularly suited to our High Achievers Program.

Established in 2003, this program has been running successfully for 14 years and allows students to progress through school with their same age peers, whilst ensuring they remain challenged by curriculum which is appropriate to their abilities.

Emphasis is placed on higher level thinking, problem solving and academic achievement. Involvement in the performing arts and other extra-curricular activities are also key features of this program. A 'high achiever' must be prepared to take on the challenges offered, be willing to take risks and to set more challenging goals.

The development and modelling of team work are critical in this program, and students must also have full parental support in order to pursue further independent learning at home. Our high achieving students follow the AusVELS curriculum guidelines, however, work presented is more intellectually challenging, allowing students to demonstrate skills at a level 6 or 12 months, where possible, beyond the expected level for their age.

The High Achievers Program is an enrichment program designed to foster 21st Century learners, with a focus on inquiry-based learning, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. We are focused on preparing our students for future learning and to become positive contributors to their community as adults.

COSTING

The cost to sit the exam is \$60.00. This is payable to the Administration Office when you book the exam.

The deadline for booking is:
FRIDAY 28th APRIL 2017.

It is important that bookings are made by this deadline for the ordering of test papers from ACER.



SELECTION CRITERIA

- A selection examination will be held on **SATURDAY 13TH MAY 2017** from 9:30am to 1pm, in the Senior School building. Students are to arrive **30 minutes** before the start of the testing.
- Primary school recommendations and endorsements are considered.
- Parents and students may be interviewed (by invitation) prior to any decision on entry to the program.
- Students who narrowly miss out may elect to be placed on a waiting list.
- Application forms are available on the College website, from some local Primary Schools and from the College Administration Office, Manuka Road, Berwick. Telephone 8768 1000
- **Closing date for applications is 4pm on FRIDAY 28th APRIL 2017. No late applications will be accepted.**
- **Please note: sitting for the HAP test does not automatically secure enrolment at Berwick College. The Application for Year 7 Placement Form must be submitted to the Year 6 Coordinator of your Primary School.**