IGNITE Program

A program for gifted and talented students

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**IGNITE is a program for students with high intellectual potential.**

Glenunga International High School is a Department for Education (DfE) Special Interest School which is funded to provide programs for IGNITE students previously known as ‘Students with High Intellectual Potential’ or ‘Gifted and Talented’. The DfE IGNITE Program is also offered at The Heights School and Aberfoyle Park High School.

Research shows that many gifted learners are working at a pace that is much slower than their capabilities. The program offers students the opportunity to progress at an accelerated rate commensurate with their ability.

In line with our school’s Strategic Directions and Values the program gives students the opportunity to pursue excellence and strive for their personal best within a supportive environment. Students can access flexible pathways and study across year levels. Student successes are celebrated.

Staff in the program have a strong understanding of the gifted learner and how to support their social/emotional and academic needs. All staff receive professional development in *Understanding Giftedness* and program their curriculum delivery effectively to provide personalised learning journeys for students.

**Selection Process**

Students are selected for entry into the program based on their results in an ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) assessment. Glenunga will accept 100 students.

These students are guaranteed direct entry into the school regardless of whether they live in or out of zone.

The ACER assessment comprises a four part test which is held at Glenunga:

- Reading Comprehension
- Written Expression
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Abstract Reasoning

The assessment occurs once a year in February and will be open for students in Year 6 and Year 7 in 2021 in readiness for the intake of Year 7 & Year 8 students in 2022.

Registration must be made on-line and can be accessed from our school website from Term 4 2020.
IGNITE Program Options

There are a number of possible courses that students can take in the IGNITE Program at Glenunga International High School.

Two Year Compacted Course

Mentor Group: 0800
The emphasis is on an increased rate of learning (faster and deeper). Students who score highly in the assessment may be considered for the two year Compacted Program which allows students to complete Years 8, 9 & 10 in two years then move into Year 11 in their third year at the school. Students can choose to complete Years 11 & 12 in two or three years. It is possible for compacted students to study some university subjects (taken at Flinders or Adelaide University) whilst still at school through an advanced placement program. Students have flexibility to negotiate a personalised pathway through senior school (International Baccalaureate (IB) &/or SACE). Students will complete Yr 8/9 and 10 Maths, Science, English, Geography/History in 2 years.

Three Year Subject Accelerated Courses

In this program students undertake deeper more complex learning but the speed of learning is not increased greatly (subject accelerated). The subject accelerated programs emphasise extension and enrichment combined with subject acceleration. These subject accelerated classes are differentiated to cater for particular student strengths.

Mentor Group: 0801
In this course compacted and subject acceleration are combined. This course compacts Maths (completes Yr 8, 9 & 10 Maths in two years) whilst still providing subject acceleration (deeper, more complex study) in English, Science and Humanities which are completed in three years.

Mentor Group: 0802
This course concentrates on English acceleration (deeper, more complex study) whilst still providing acceleration and extension in Maths, Science and Humanities. All subjects are completed in three years.

Mentor Group: 0803
This course caters for a range of students who may have strengths in either or both of these areas (Maths and English). Students are also accelerated and extended in Science and Humanities. Students can also accelerate in Languages and the Arts.

In Years 11 and 12 students remain with their peers in Home Group or Student Advisory classes and select their subjects according to their specific pathways and interests. Students in these classes may be studying one or two subjects (usually in Maths or English) above their year level. This gives them the opportunity to complete Year 12 over 2 years to better manage work load and maximise ATAR. It also enables them to study a greater range of subjects at Year 12 if they wish.
The IGNITE Program offers:

- A level of challenge which matches the needs of the student.
- Reduction in repetition.
- Working with supportive intellectually compatible peers.
- Focus on critical, creative and ethical thinking.
- Developing the skills to become more open-minded, responsible risk-takers.
- Higher Order Thinking Skills explicitly taught.
- Flexibility in student learning.
- Range of enrichment programs.
- Support for social and emotional needs.
- Differentiated and cross year level learning.
- International focus preparing students for global citizenship.
- Teaching staff who have received relevant training to deliver the program.

Co-curricular offerings include:

- Duke of Edinburgh Awards.
- Oliphant Science Awards.
- Orienteering, Fencing and other sports.

Please view our Student Life & Sport Activities brochure for a complete list of co-curricular activities.

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