



**GLENUNGA  
INTERNATIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL**



# IGNITE PROGRAM

**A SPECIAL INTEREST SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
WITH HIGH INTELLECTUAL POTENTIAL**



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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 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. The Ignite Program at Glenunga has been successful for over three decades.

Research shows that many gifted learners are working at a pace that is much slower than their capabilities.

Our Ignite Program offers students the opportunity to work at a rate that better matches their ability.

We give students the opportunity to pursue excellence and strive for their personal best within a supportive environment. We develop holistic, well-rounded learners who have the skills to navigate our ever changing 21st Century world. The Ignite program creates balance between academic and social-emotional development.

Our teachers 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 learner journeys for each student.





## SELECTION PROCESS

Entry into the program is based on results in an ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) assessment. The highest performing 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: Reading Comprehension, Written Expression, Mathematical Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning. It occurs once a year in February in the year prior to entering secondary school i.e. Year 6.

Registration is online and is accessed from our school website from Term 4 in the year proceeding the assessment.



## WHAT THE IGNITE PROGRAM OFFERS

- Curriculum that is challenging and engaging that aligns with the needs and interests of students.
- Flexible learning pathways and opportunities, including vertical and horizontal acceleration.
- A program which removes unnecessary repetition and focuses on Critical and Creative Thinking skill development.
- Opportunities for students to engage and work collaboratively with intellectually and socio-emotionally compatible peers.
- A wide range of enrichment opportunities to complement the in-class learning taking place in classrooms.
- Support for learner wellbeing and explicit coaching in how to maintain balance in work-school-life.

## IGNITE PROGRAM OPTIONS

Year 7 Ignite students experience a innovative and appropriately challenging curriculum for four terms, with increased responsibility for their growth, and to present their learnings in exciting ways. As Year 7s move into Year 8, there will be greater opportunities for vertical acceleration. This approach supports our Ignite learners to grow in more meaningful and intentional ways.

We understand that our younger students really benefit from a sustained focus on building their social and emotional skills, in addition to a flexible approach to extension and acceleration in their traditional academic learning.

Year 7 students work with their mentors and specialised Ignite subject teachers with a focus on developing their socio-emotional maturity and their 21st Century skills as well as their discipline knowledge and understandings.

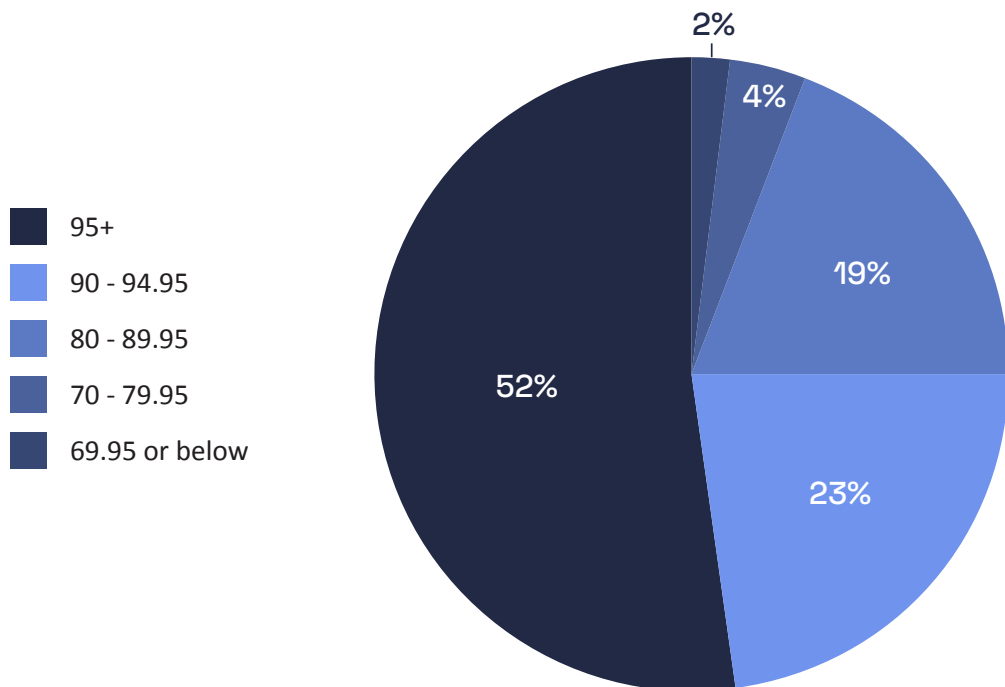
In Term 4 of Year 7, students present evidence in their Learner Conferences of their readiness for one of three pathways in Year 8 the following year:

- A compacted program which delivers Year 8 – 9 in one year
- Acceleration in particular subjects e.g. Maths, English, Languages
- An all-rounder Ignite experience moving rapidly and deeply across a range of subjects.

In Senior School students may be studying a subject above their year level. This gives them opportunity to complete Year 12 over two years to better manage workload and maximise their ATAR. It also enables them to study a greater range of subjects at Year 12.

# RESULTS

## COMBINED IGNITE IB & SACE ATAR RESULTS 2023



*"...across all cohorts, IB Diploma (DP) students gain offers of university admission, continue to their second year of study, and complete university... at significantly higher rates than non-DP students."*

(ACER Report January 2024)



## ENRICHMENT & STUDENT LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

- ICAS Mathematics and Science Competitions
- Oliphant Science Awards
- Participation in International, National and State competitions in Digitronics, History, Geography, English, Poetry
- DaVinci Academic Decathlons
- Music Ensemble (Jazz, String, World)
- School sports (Tennis, Soccer, Basketball, Badminton, etc.)
- Student Life clubs (Chess, Debating, Musical Theatre etc.)
- Student Leadership (Ignite Chorus, 21st Learner Council, Wellbeing Council, IM Council, PEER Mentors etc.).

Please contact our Director of Student Life, Sam Chan, for further details at [student.life373@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:student.life373@schools.sa.edu.au)

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