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Introduction

Thornlie Senior High School is an Independent Public School situated at 2 Ovens Road, Thornlie, approximately 16 kilometres south-east of the Perth CBD. The school occupies extensive grounds in a parkland setting, with remnant bushland, shady trees, lawns and gardens. Established in 1971, the school has developed an excellent, broadly based curriculum to cater for the needs of all our students from Year 7 to Year 12.

As an Information and Communication Technology Focus School, we are well placed to enhance student centred learning programmes through the integration of information and communications technology across the curriculum. The well-qualified and experienced staff cover a wide range of courses and programmes to meet the needs of all students.

Aims of the program

Students accepted into the Academic Challenge Program are encouraged to excel in their area of academic talent. The program aims to foster both the academic and personal development of talented students within a caring environment. Students are regularly challenged as a result of extended and enriched learning opportunities in the academic learning areas, Mathematics, English, Humanities and Social Science and Science.

Structure of the Program

Participation in the program commences at Year 7, and given satisfactory progress, students may be invited to continue with the program through to the completion of Year 10.

Students may be accepted into the program in one or more of the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Humanities and Social Science or Science. In the remaining learning areas they combine with other students to access their chosen subjects as per their Subject Selection Form.

Specialist teachers for the program are selected to deliver the curriculum as is expected of all Year 7 classes. However, these teachers will create a stimulating learning environment and enhance the regular curriculum using their specialist knowledge to add breadth and accelerate student learning.

The school and teachers within the program have high expectations of students offered places in this program, with their commitment, behaviour and progress being closely monitored. The school expects students and their parents to uphold its policies and philosophy and strive to enhance the good reputation of Thornlie Senior High School in the community.



Fees and Charges

Normal subject and other fees apply to parents of students enrolled in the program, however, there may be additional cost associated with specific purpose activities such as camps, excursions and visiting speakers. Nomination and entry costs to various tests and competitions will be met by the school.

Selection Criteria

The number of students invited to participate in the Academic Challenge Program is limited. Students are selected through a progressive and comprehensive process. There are three main stages:

1. Applicants complete an Academic Challenge Program Application Form. This includes a form for parents/guardians to complete and a form for the student to complete. One confidential reference from the applicant's current school should be completed and returned.
2. Applicants complete testing relating to ability. All testing will be conducted at Thornlie Senior High School.
3. Current reports and available NAPLAN data will be used to confirm the final selection of students for inclusion in the Thornlie Senior High School Academic Challenge Program.