▶ About

The Academic Challenge Program is a bespoke opportunity for students to engage in innovative, creative and challenging learning opportunities that develops sophisticated thinking skills and academic excellence.

▶ 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 of

- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ English
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)

▶ 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 Academic Challenge Program Application Form. This includes a form for parents/guardians to complete and a form for students to complete. One confidential reference from the applicant's current school should be completed and returned.

2. Applicants complete testing relating to academic 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.

Student data, including NAPLAN, Attendance, and behaviour information informs our final choice of participants.

Fees and charges

A fee of $50.00 applies to cover this course. However, there may be an additional cost associated with specific purpose activities.

Structure of the Program

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

Students are accepted into the program for

- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ English
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)

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 enhance the regular curriculum using their specialist knowledge to add breadth and depth to 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 Academic progress closely monitored. The school expects students and their parents to uphold its policies and philosophy and strive to enhance the excellent reputation of Thornlie Senior High School in the community.

About us

We are a proud Perth Government school.
Thornlie SHS is an Independent Public Secondary School with five decades of experience in successfully educating our 1200 Year 7-12 students to identify their aspirations and achieve their personal goals. Established in 1971, we celebrated our 50th Anniversary throughout 2021.

We value well-established educational traditions set by past teachers, parents and students and we are passionate in our desire to use the latest research and learning strategies in Visible Learning to prepare our current students for the 21st Century. We know where we are going and how to get there.

Thornlie Senior High School recognises that the world around us is changing and we are changing with it. Our students come to us from many different backgrounds, but they leave with one thing in common – a great education and a significant head start in life. Thornlie SHS students develop the skills they need to thrive in the challenging, interesting and dynamic 21st Century.

Thornlie Senior High School

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