



ENHANCEMENT AND ENRICHMENT POLICY

PURPOSE

Mount Waverley Secondary College believes that the provision of enrichment, enhancement and acceleration opportunities recognises the particular needs and special abilities of high-potential students and challenges them to further develop their talents and potential capacity.

Enrichment offers students experiences both beyond their age and class level. It differs from acceleration which tends to be focused on students rapidly acquiring knowledge whereas the enhancement experience is focused on skill development including critical thinking.

At Mount Waverley Secondary College, students are offered enhancement subjects and in addition enrichment activities are developed within a subject and provide the opportunity to study topics in greater depth or on occasion as a special program which enhances the curriculum.

Mount Waverley Secondary College offers a range of enrichment and acceleration opportunities across the year levels as outlined below.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Where possible, the college offers students access to a range of programs and extracurricular activities and opportunities.

This will vary from year to year but include; access to Monash Tech School programs, academic competitions, leadership activities, programs and camps, Victorian High-Ability Program, specialist camps and trips, for example, Music and STEM.

Year 7 and 8

Enrichment Class

The Year 7 enrichment class involves a two-stage selection process. All Year 7 students offered a place at Mount Waverley Secondary College are required to complete a selection of tests. Students who achieved the highest HAST scores are invited for an interview with the expectation they bring a portfolio. Based on both the interview and HAST scores 26 students are offered a place in this class. This program provides opportunities for students to access both enrichment and enhancement opportunities.

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Accelerated Mathematics

The Accelerated Mathematics Program is offered to high achieving Year 7 students. By the end of Year 8 students will have completed Year 9 Mathematics. Students are selected based on teacher recommendations, Year 6 testing results as well as high level achievement in a mathematics test aimed at identifying high achieving mathematics students. Access to this program allows for a pathway which continues onto acceleration into VCE Mathematics.

Students in the Accelerated Mathematics Program complete three years of Mathematics in two years.

Year 9 and 10

English Enhancement

This subject is offered to year 9 students. Students are selected for this class using data, including external assessments such as PAT, achievement in Year 8 English, and teacher recommendation.

VCE Enhancement

A wide range of VCE Unit 1 & 2 subjects are offered as enhancement subjects to students who have demonstrated high level skill at Year 9. Year 10 students are able to select ONE enhancement subject to study at school. Students are required to apply and the decision to accept the application is largely determined by Semester One CAT and exam results, as well as a personal statement. The academic requirements for selection into a VCE enhancement course are set out in the Year 10 Subject Handbook which is updated each year and available on the college website.

Northern Hemisphere Timetable

A small number of VCE subjects are offered as part of the Northern Hemisphere Timetable (NHT) with Unit 1 beginning in Semester 2.

The NHT program has been ceased by VCAA and will not be offered after 2024. Final classes will complete Unit 4 NHT subjects in June 2026.

In 2025 Year 11 students who have achieved outstanding results in Unit 1 of an equivalent NHT subject may wish to apply to move into Unit 3 NHT subjects. Teacher endorsement will be required in addition.

Year 11 Enhancement

Students who have demonstrated high level results at Units 1 and 2 are able to continue with Units 3 and 4 in Year 11. Details around the academic requirements to remain in the subject can be found in the Senior School Student Course and Assessment Policy.



University Enhancement

At Year 12, students are able to undertake a University Enhancement Subject which will boost ATAR scores while allowing credit for first year university studies. Students are to apply directly to Monash, Melbourne or Deakin universities. Successful applicants to these courses will complete the university subject in lieu of a VCE subject.

Appeals

In the case of parents or students disputing a decision, the final decision will be made by the relevant Campus Principal or the College Principal.

REVIEW CYCLE

Policy last reviewed	July 2024
Consultation	Education Subcommittee -
Approved by	College Principal and College Council -
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