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HORIZONS

ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM

SELECTION PROCESS

The HORIZONS Program is open to all students entering Year 7. All prospective students are required to sit the **Grade 6 Testing Day, held mid-year**. Strong performers will be invited to an interview, and their mid-year school reports will be requested. Successful students will then be offered a place in the Program.

There is also the possibility for students to join the HORIZONS Program in Years 8 and 9, though entry at these stages is highly competitive and depends on student numbers, teacher recommendations, academic results, and language choice.

Students must **maintain a high standard each year** to remain in the Program. HORIZONS students are expected to **remain at St Monica's College for the entirety of their high school education**.

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PROGRAM AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The HORIZONS Program is designed to inspire and extend high-achieving students by offering an accelerated, enriched, and differentiated learning experience. The Program nurtures intellectual curiosity and personal growth, empowering students to reach their full potential.

Key Objectives:

- Cultivate advanced critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills.
- Provide enriched learning experiences that extend students beyond the traditional classroom.
- Challenge students with advanced, complex course content.
- Develop leadership and collaboration through academic and extracurricular opportunities.
- Support the social and emotional wellbeing of gifted learners through tailored pastoral care.

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HORIZONS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The HORIZONS Program is an innovative and dynamic learning pathway for highly able students from Years 7 to 10. During their senior years, each student is supported by a dedicated VCE mentor, guiding their learning and preparing them for success in VCE.

Created for students who thrive on challenge, HORIZONS offers a stimulating and collaborative environment where learners are encouraged to think critically, explore ideas deeply, and fulfil their academic potential.

Program Highlights:

- Students have the opportunity to complete the Years 7–10 curriculum at an accelerated pace.
- In Year 10, students may commence one VCE subject ahead of schedule, providing early exposure and confidence in senior coursework.
- The Program delivers enriched and accelerated content, designed to inspire curiosity and encourage a deep engagement with learning.

HORIZONS CURRICULUM

Core HORIZONS Subjects:

- Integrated Studies: English & Humanities
- Science
- Mathematics
- Musical Instrumental Class (Year 7)
- Design & Technology (Years 7 & 8)
- Cultural Studies (Year 10)
- Accelerated English (Year 10)

In addition to their HORIZONS studies, students also participate in:

- Religious Education
- Music & Theatre Studies
- Art
- Physical Education
- Languages (LOTE): Students have the opportunity to study French, Italian, or Japanese.
- Electives (Year 9)