Year 7 Excel Class 2025



Information Evening
Wednesday 31st July 2024

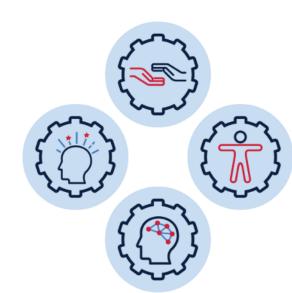


Purpose



 To provide an environment that caters to the needs of high potential and gifted students for them to thrive and succeed across the domains of potential:

- Intellectual
- Physical
- Social-emotional
- Creative



What will this class look like?



- Trained staff
- Selection process
- Range of KLAs
- Targeted around individual learning goals
- Differentiated to extend and challenge students

How will this class be different?



- Depth
 - Curriculum extension in KLAs
- Further Experiences
 - Partnerships with external providers
- Opportunities
 - Excursions, competitions, leadership development
- Talent Development
 - Identifying goals and further development of talent

Application Process



- AGAT test at KHS, 9am, Thursday 5th September
- Application form to be completed and submitted on this date, including:
 - Written response to 3 questions
 - School Report
 - NAPLAN5
- Consultation with primary school teachers

Timeline



- Thursday 5th September
 - AGAT test and submission of application forms
- Before the end of Term 3
 - Panel will convene and view applications
 - Contact will be made with primary schools
- Week 1 Term 4
 - Letters of offer will be made for the Year 7 Excel class
- Week 2 Term 4 Orientation Day 1
- Week 8 Term 4 Orientation Day 2

Expectations



- Student progress will be monitored regularly
- This will be measured against their individual learning goals
- Students will be expected to follow the KHS expectations of responsibility, respect and cooperation

FAQs



- What if my child doesn't receive an offer in the Year 7 Excel class?
 - A wait list will be created, all classes receive differentiated instruction, and there are a range of extra-curricular opportunities available at KHS
- What is the BYOD policy?
 - We would encourage students to bring a laptop, as they will be accessed regularly in this class.
- What are the Homework expectations?
 - There will be an investigation style approach to homework, where students have more choice and opportunities to explore areas of interest.
- What opportunities will this class offer?
 - Depth, further experiences, opportunities and talent development. Student growth will be managed through ILPs.

FAQs



- What if they can't attend the placement test?
 - Please contact the school so an alternate test date can be arranged.
- How big is this class?
 - The class will have a maximum of 30 students as per Department of Education guidelines.
- Will the class continue after Year 7?
 - We open this possibility. There are recognised benefits that will be explored once this class is established in 2025. Other opportunities include Year 8 electives.
- Long Term Goals?
 - Students who are gifted or who have high potential in any of the domains require the correct circumstances to reach their potential.

Question Time





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