



DARLING RANGE SPORTS COLLEGE

# ACADEMIC CHALLENGE & ENRICHMENT STUDIES FAQ'S

## **What is the Academic Challenge & Enrichments Studies program all about?**

The ACES program is for those students identified as academically gifted in either one, two, three or even four of the MESS subjects. MESS - Maths, English, Science, Society and Environment. These students are taught the same National Curriculum but are challenged on a daily basis to perform at a higher standard.

## **What is the ACES test?**

It is called the MYAT test - Middle Years Academic Testing. The testing covers students in Year 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. It helps us to identify strengths and/or weaknesses in Literacy / Numeracy / Non-verbal communication.

## **Who can sit the test?**

Current Year 6 and 7 students can sit the MYAT. When the tests are marked and analysed, different statistic tables are utilised so the students are not disadvantaged.

## **When can my child sit the test?**

Scheduled testing takes place on designated days in Term 1 and 2. If you enroll for the ACES program after these dates, testing will take place at discretion of Co-ordinator and Associate Principal.

## **When will I get my child's results?**

A letter will be sent out advising whether your child was successful or not successful. Offers of placement and scholarships will also be sent in letter format.

Letters will be sent out in Term 2 for local applicants and letters will be sent out in Term 3 for out of area applicants.

## **How many classes are there?**

We have two streams of academic classes; Year group-1 and Year group-5 e.g 8-1 and 8-5.

All students are placed evenly into these classes. The only difference between them is that they have a different number due to timetabling purposes e.g. 8.1 is one side of the grid and 8.5 is on the other. Academically, both classes are treated equally and have the same high standards and expectations.

## **Who teaches these classes?**

We have an excellent team of teachers who teach the academic classes. These teachers are specialists in their subjects and have a passion for teaching and challenging academic students.

## **Who do I contact for more information?**

If you have any queries regarding the ACES program, please contact Mrs Jennifer Bell on 9453 0152 or [Jennifer.Bell@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Jennifer.Bell@education.wa.edu.au).