

The Heights School Ignite Program

2022 Information Document

The IGNITE Program at The Heights School is designed to provide opportunities for highly able students to:

- work on a curriculum designed specifically for gifted learners.
- be immersed in classes with their intellectual peers.
- accelerate at a rate appropriate to their ability.
- have access to enrichment activities and programs.

The IGNITE program provides:

- Courses designed with a focus on developing capabilities such as: intercultural and ethical understanding, entrepreneurship, self-management and social awareness, and critical and creative thinking.
- Teachers trained in gifted education in order to present curriculum specifically for highly-able learners.
- An ethos and environment which fosters the success of gifted students.
- A history of academic success.

Students are selected for entry into IGNITE through an ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) assessment which is held in February. Each year The Heights School accepts approximately 60 students through this process. The assessment this year is open to students in Year 6 for entry into Year 7 in 2023. Students that have been selected into the IGNITE program are guaranteed direct entry into The Heights School, regardless of whether they live in the zone.

Research in Gifted Education shows that there is no singular model that meets the needs of all students with high intellectual potential, which is why our program is designed for students to personalise their curriculum. Years 7-10 IGNITE involves the study of an extended curriculum in subjects such as English, Maths, Science, HASS, Languages, Technologies, Health and Physical Education and The Arts. Stretch and challenge in thinking is a focus throughout this learning. Year 11 and 12 IGNITE students engage in completing the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE).

Year 9 students who have shown a very high aptitude in their studies may be offered acceleration in one or two subjects when they start Year 10 so can start their SACE studies early. This means they would be studying Stage 1 subjects as part of their Year 10 course and continue to study one or two Stage 2 subjects in Year 11. In Year 12 they complete up to the four Stage 2 subjects required to complete SACE. There may also be the option of being involved in the University of Adelaide Headstart program.

There are two Ignite classes at each year level that are timetabled together for their core subjects enabling movement interaction and collaboration between all Ignite students.

Curriculum Overview

The curriculum offered at The Heights School is outlined below, however it is constantly being reviewed to provide the best outcomes for our students so there may be some changes made for 2023.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW			
YEAR 7 IGNITE	YEAR 8 IGNITE	YEAR 9 IGNITE	YEAR 10 IGNITE
Full Year Compulsory Subjects	Full Year Compulsory Subjects	Full Year Compulsory Subjects	Full Year Compulsory Subjects
English	English	English	English
Science	Science	Science	Science
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
HASS	HASS	HASS	
Languages	Languages		
Health & PE	Health & PE		
Semester Compulsory Subjects	Semester Compulsory Subjects	Semester Compulsory Subjects	Semester Compulsory Subjects
The Arts	The Arts	Health & PE	Health & PE
Technologies	Technologies		Personal Learning Plan
			History
		Choice of 5 Semester Length Elective Subjects	Choice of 5 Semester Length Elective Subjects
			Potential to accelerate and study 1 or 2 SACE Stage 1 Subjects

Year 11 (SACE Stage 1)	Year 12 (SACE Stage 2)
<p>Subject Outlines can be found at: https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/index.php/subject-descriptors/</p> <p>Students who have accelerated to study SACE Stage 1 subjects in Year 10 will continue to study those subjects at Stage 2</p>	<p>Subject Outlines can be found at: https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/index.php/subject-descriptors/</p> <p>Students who have accelerated to study SACE Stage 2 subjects in Year 11 will complete their other SACE Stage 2 requirements and have several options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * have extra study time to focus on their remaining SACE Subjects * choose extra subjects to study * apply for entry into the University of Adelaide Headstart program.

