



A program for students with high
intellectual potential



Mathematics English Science Health and PE Technologies HASS The Arts Languages

Offered in only 3 schools across SA





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Ignite Curriculum and Organisation

Changed over time

Historically:

- Ignite Homegroups: 06 and 07
- Acceleration for 07
- Enrichment 06

More recently:

- Acceleration based on our understanding of the individual and only in a limited selection of subjects.

2027 Year 7 Ignite

- homegroups 07, 08 & 09
- Acceleration based on our understanding of the individual and only in a limited selection of subjects.
- All accelerated students are individually case managed by our Ignite Leader and Director Secondary



Ignite Curriculum and Organisation

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Full year compulsory subjects	Full year compulsory subjects	Full year compulsory subjects	Full year compulsory subjects
English Science Maths HASS Languages HPE	English Science Maths HASS Languages HPE	English Science Maths HASS	English Science Maths
Semester compulsory subjects	Semester compulsory subjects	Semester compulsory subjects	Semester compulsory subjects
The Arts Technologies	The Arts Technologies	HPE	HPE EIF History
		Choice of 5 Semester subjects	Choice of 5 semester subjects



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What will
learning
look like
and
feel like?



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UniSA

Year 7 Science - Planetarium

Adelaide Planetarium

Welcome to the Adelaide Planetarium

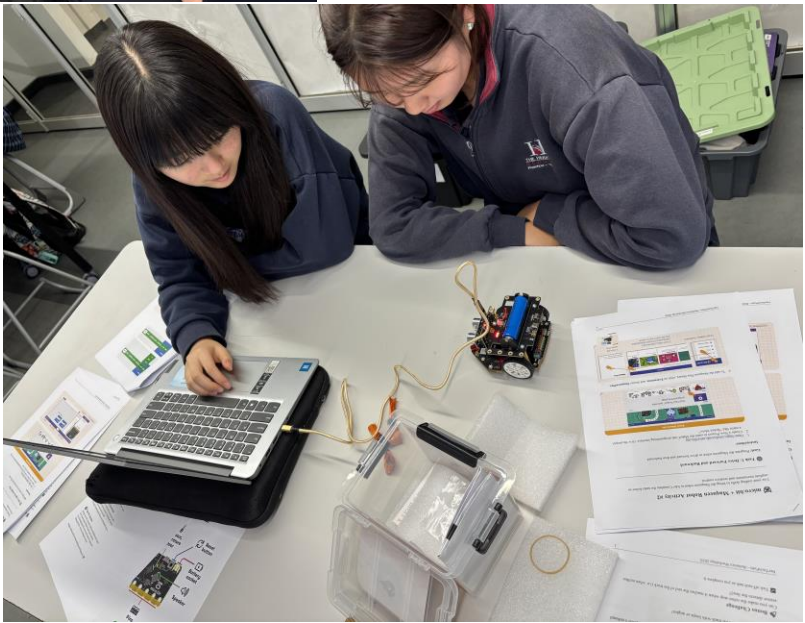




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THINK LIKE AN ENGINEER, A DESIGNER, A BUSINESS OWNER...

Her Tech Path





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Intentional teaching of the skills

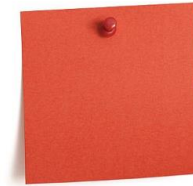
- both discipline specific knowledge and effective interactions



*Thinking like engineers with their
wind turbines*

Warm and cool comments

When providing
feedback to others it is
important to remember
the following;



Be Kind
Be Helpful
Be Specific

I really enjoyed how...
I liked how...
It was great when you...
The best bit was...



It would be even better
if...
How about you...
Did you think of...
I'd like it even more if
you....



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Different texts in Novel Study



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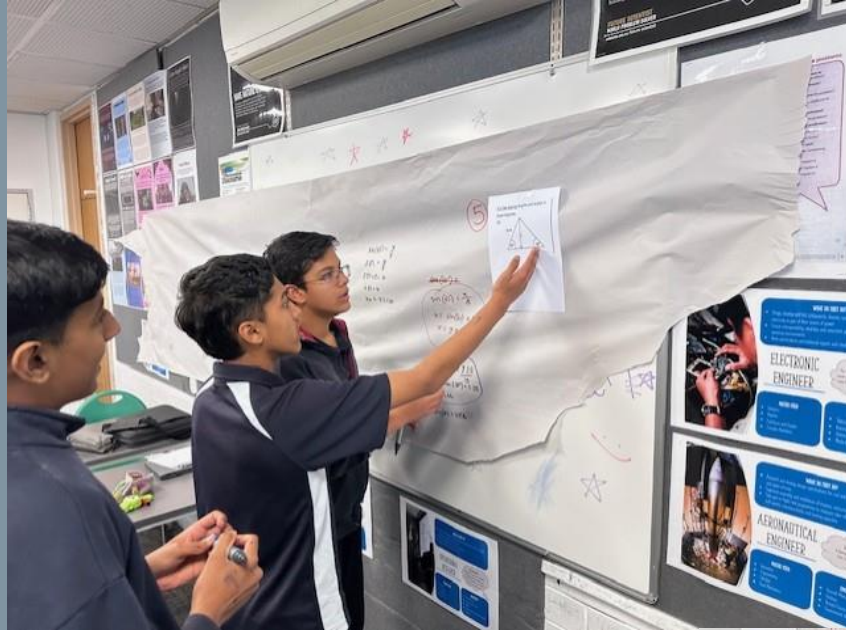
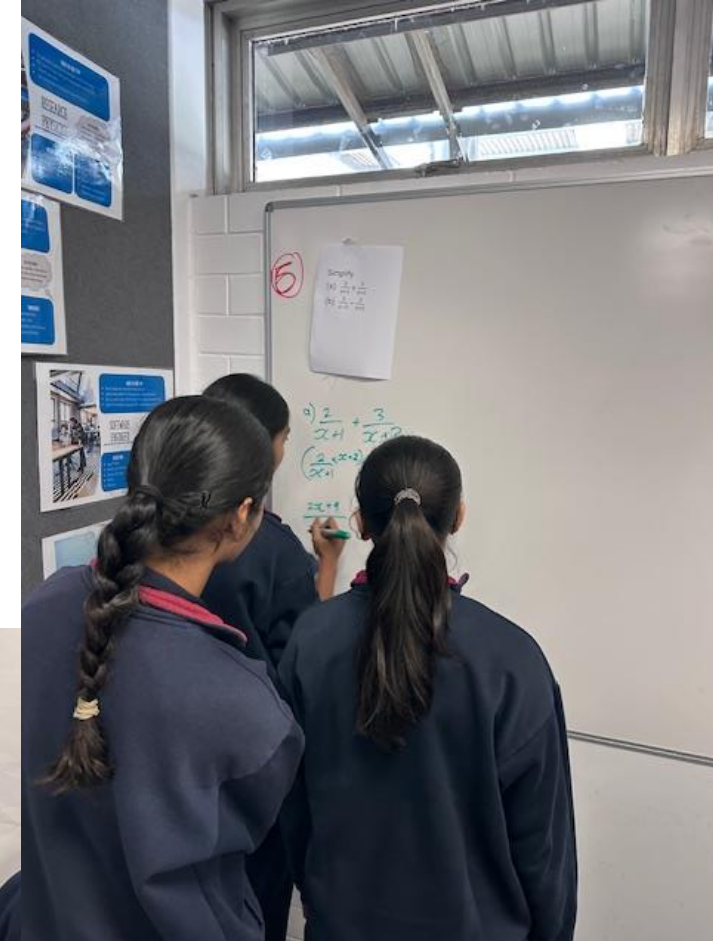


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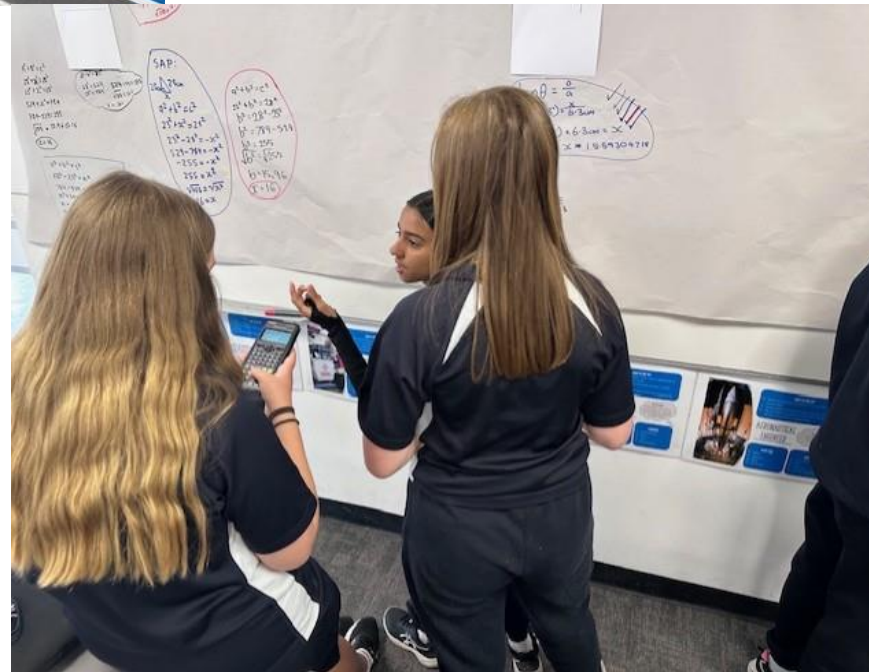




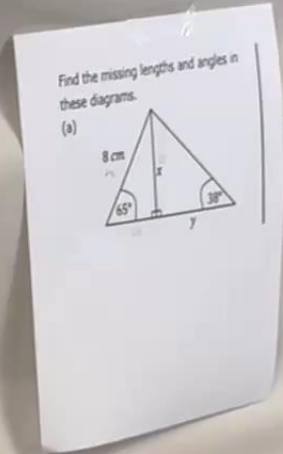
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Collaborative Problem Solving



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~~$\cos(65^\circ) =$~~

$$\sin(65^\circ) = \frac{x}{8}$$
$$x = \sin(65^\circ) \times 8$$
$$x = 7.25$$

$$\tan(38^\circ) = \frac{7.25}{y}$$
$$y = \tan(38^\circ) \times 7.25$$
$$y = 5.66$$

angles = 25%

World Peace Games





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Learner Agency

Student Leadership at The Heights





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Enrichment Opportunities





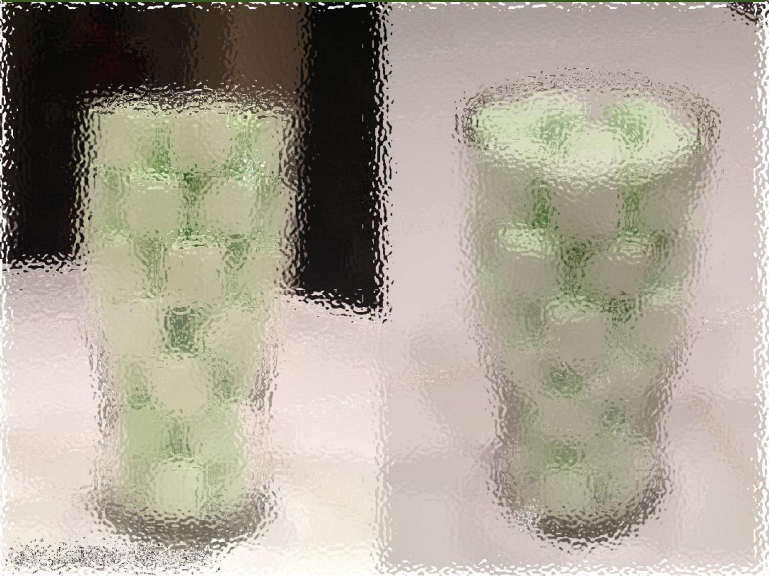
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And sometimes learning will look traditional.



Remember worthwhile learning feels challenging, at least at first.

How many
marshmallows
in the glass?



What's TOO FEW?

What's more, but still too few?

What's more, but still too few?

What's TOO MANY?.....

What's less, but still too many?

What's less, but still too many?

My lower limit

My upper limit

My best guess

The class average



MARSHMALLOWS: 0



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2025 University Offers

Pathway	Number of offers	Course	Number of offers
Engineering <i>Software, Mechanical, General, Electrical, Civil</i>	25	Science <i>Forensic Science, Science</i>	2
Health & Medical Sciences <i>Medicine, Biomedical, Human Movement, Medical Imaging, Pharmacy, Podiatry, Nursing, Health Sciences.</i>	18	Creative Arts - Fashion	1
Law	4	International Relations	1
Business & Finance <i>Business, Finance, Marketing, Sport and Rec Management.</i>	5	Architecture	1
Education <i>Primary, Secondary and Disability</i>	4	Sport's Science/Nutrition	2
Archaeology	1	Social Work	1
Digital Technologies	3	Foundation Studies	1



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2026 University Offers

Pathway	Number of offers	Course	Number of offers
Engineering <i>Software, Mechanical, Civil</i>	6	Science	1
Health & Medical Sciences <i>Nursing and Midwifery</i>	6	Creative Arts – Visual Art	1
Health and Medical Sciences <i>Speech Pathology, Optometry, Physiotherapy, Paramedicine, Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy</i>	22	International Relations, Journalism and Law	3
Business & Finance <i>Business, Commerce and Banking</i>	4	Sports Science and Human Movement	3
Education <i>Primary, Secondary and Early Childhood</i>	5	Construction Management	3
Architecture	1	Mathematics	3
Digital Technologies <i>Information Systems, Cyber Security, Information Technology, Computer Science</i>	6	Foundation Studies	2



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Are you excited to apply?



The Application Process

Students are selected for entry to the IGNITE program through an **ACER (Australian Council for Education Research) assessment which is held in February**. Each year The Heights School accepts up to 60 students through this process.

The assessment is open to students who are in **Year 6 at the time of testing, for entry into Year 7 the following year**. The test can only be taken once and only at one of the three schools.

Students that have been selected into the IGNITE program are guaranteed direct entry into The Heights School, regardless of whether they live in zone*.

* limited to 40 out of zone places.

The Application Process

The ACER assessment comprises four parts, completed over a period of 5 hours with time allowed for a break.

- Reading Comprehension (45 min)
- Mathematical Reasoning (40 min)
- BREAK
- Abstract Reasoning (30 min)
- Written Expression (25 min)

Test: Saturday Feb 20st, 2027

Registration 8:15am - 8:30am

Students met by parents: 12.50-1.20pm

Cost: \$170 (for non-school card holders)

Results

- All tests are sent to ACER in Melbourne to be marked. We anticipate results within 9-10 weeks.
- Offers are made early to mid Term 2 (possibility of two rounds of offers)
- If an offer is not made, students may be offered a place on the waiting list.



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The Application Process

Registration for the test

- Register for the test at ONLY ONE SCHOOL.
- Register at the school that you wish to attend.
- Registration opens on Monday November 2nd and closes on Friday 12th February

Preparation for the test

- Once you register, a letter will be sent from the testing school with further information about the testing day and some sample questions.

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School card holders

- Complete the application and payment in full (\$170) via ACER website.
- After registration, email your 2027 School Card approval letter to the Heights School (dl.1430.ignite@schools.sa.edu.au).
- The school will issue a partial refund once documentation is confirmed. A \$25 fee (i.e. \$145 reimbursed to candidate).
- **No refunds for request made after the close of registration date (12 Feb 2027)**
- If you have a school card, please register early to ensure you have time to contact us to check eligibility.



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***Thank you for your interest in our
school***

*For further information please collect
the handout as you leave.*

All information is updated directly
onto our school website