

Enhanced Learning in Maths and Science (ELMS) at McKinnon Secondary College

Since its inception in 1999, the ELMS Program at McKinnon has proven to be one of the most popular programs at the College. To deal with the level interest, McKinnon holds an entrance test at the end of Term 3 every year for students currently in years 7 to 9. Below outlines the process and conditions for nominating to sit these tests.

Please note that students currently enrolled in the ELMS program are NOT required to undertake the entrance as these places are retained. If a student is in one of the programs (eg. Maths) but not currently in Science ELMS, then they must nominate to complete the Science ELMS entrance test and vice versa.

Year 8 Enhanced Learning Program in Science (For students currently in Year 7)

Students who achieve outstanding results during Year 7, 2020 in Science and perform to a high level in all of their subjects may wish to nominate to sit an optional entrance test in **the Week beginning 31st August 2020** for one of the Enhanced Learning places in Science going forward in Year 8 and beyond. The option to nominate is available to all students in Year 7, not only those in ELMS Mathematics.

Please note that nominations (via Google Form) for this entrance test will be released via Compass at the start of Term 3. Only those students and families that have nominated via the Google Form will be allowed to sit the entrance test.

Year 8 - 10 Enhanced Learning Program in Mathematics and/or Science

At the end of each year, a limited number of positions in the program become available for the next school year.

Students who achieve outstanding results in Mathematics and/or Science and perform to a high level in all of their subjects may wish to nominate to sit optional entrance tests in **the Week beginning 31st August 2020** in Mathematics and/or Science.

The option to nominate for these entrance tests will be available to all students. Students can opt to sit the Mathematics or Science test only or may choose to complete both tests.

Important Information Relating to Entrance Tests

Nominations for students to sit entrance tests are to be made via a Google Form which will be published to parents early in Term 3. There will be a separate form for the Science and Mathematics tests. Only students who have nominated via the Google form will be able to complete the tests.

It is a condition of sitting for the tests that results are not released and the school does not provide any sample tests.

We would like to stress, the entrance tests **do not** require preparation.

Please note that as there are a limited number of positions available in the program, not all students will be accepted.

Further, it is expected that all ELMS students:

- Achieve excellent grades for all assessment tasks
- Are active and positive participants in all aspects of the program, as demonstrated by their reports
- Meet deadlines for all work requirements and assessment tasks

Students who are successful after testing will then be required to complete bridging work to prepare for the following academic year.

Please also note that while we do our best to allow students a full program of their choice, there may be instances where, due to timetabling constraints, we are unable to accommodate both ELMS Maths and Science, specific music classes and/or language choices.. In these cases families will need to make a decision on which programs they wish to undertake for the following year.

Please also be aware that we will be unable to notify successful and unsuccessful candidates until we have received the results of external entrance exams for some select entry schools as these have been delayed until mid September which delays our internal processes.

Finally, students that do not gain a place in the ELMS program are not disadvantaged in applying for enhancement opportunities in later years in a range of subjects outside of Mathematics and Science.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the College and wish you all the best in the upcoming should you choose to nominate.

Kind Regards,

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