

# GLENUNGA INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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# Ignite



## IGNITE Program



## A program for gifted and talented students



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*IGNITE is a program for students with high intellectual potential.*

Glenunga International High School is a Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) Special Interest School which is funded to provide programs for IGNITE students previously known as 'Students with High Intellectual Potential' or 'Gifted and Talented'. The DECD IGNITE Program is also offered at The Heights School and Aberfoyle Park High School.

Research shows that many gifted learners are working at a pace that is much slower than their capabilities. The program offers students the opportunity to progress at an accelerated rate commensurate with their ability.

In line with our school's Strategic Directions and Values the program gives students the opportunity to pursue excellence and strive for their personal best within a supportive environment. Students can access flexible pathways and study across year levels. Student successes are celebrated.

Staff in the program have a strong understanding of the gifted learner and how to support their social/emotional and academic needs. All staff receive professional development in *Understanding Giftedness* and program their curriculum delivery effectively to provide personalised learning journeys for students.

## *Selection Process*

Students are selected for entry into the program based on their results in an ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) assessment.

These students are guaranteed direct entry into the school regardless of whether they live in or out of zone.

The ACER assessment comprises a four part test:

- Reading Comprehension
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Written Expression
- Abstract Reasoning

The assessment occurs once a year in February and is open for students in Year 7. On-line registration can be accessed from our website from Term 4 of the year prior to the assessment.

Some Year 6 students have the maturity and ability to accelerate directly into Year 8. These students are also able to sit the assessment. Year 6 students need to obtain a recommendation from their current Principal that they would be suitable for acceleration directly into Year 8. Families of Year 6 students need to be aware that there will be only the one opportunity for students to sit the assessment unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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# ***IGNITE Program Options***

There are a number of possible courses that students can take in the IGNITE Program at Glenunga International High School.

## ***Two Year Compacted Course***

***Home Group: 0800 (from 2016)***

The emphasis is on an increased rate of learning (faster and deeper).

Students who score highly in the assessment may be considered for the two year Compacted Program which allows students to complete Years 8, 9 & 10 in two years then move into Year 11 in their third year at the school. Students can choose to complete Years 11 & 12 in two or three years. It is possible for compacted students to study some university subjects (taken at Flinders or Adelaide University) whilst still at school through an advanced placement program. Students have flexibility to negotiate a personalised pathway through senior school (International Baccalaureate (IB) &/or SACE).

## ***Three Year Subject Accelerated Courses***

In this program students undertake deeper more complex learning but the speed of learning is not increased greatly (subject accelerated). The subject accelerated programs emphasise extension and enrichment combined with subject acceleration. These subject accelerated classes are differentiated to cater for particular student strengths.

***Home Group: 0801 (from 2016)***

In this course compacted and subject acceleration are combined. This course compacts Maths (completes Yr 8, 9 & 10 Maths in two years) whilst still providing subject acceleration (deeper, more complex study) in English, Science and Humanities which are completed in three years.

***Home Group: 0802 (from 2016)***

This course concentrates on English acceleration (deeper, more complex study) whilst still providing acceleration and extension in Maths, Science and Humanities. All subjects are completed in three years.

***Home Group: 0803 (from 2016)***

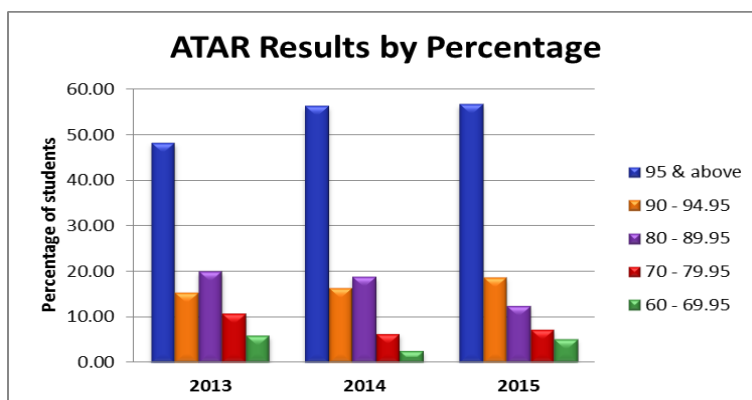
This course caters for a range of students who may have strengths in either or both of these areas (Maths and English). Students are also accelerated and extended in Science and Humanities. Students can also accelerate in Languages and the Arts.

In Years 11 and 12 students remain with their peers in Home Group or Student Advisory classes and select their subjects according to their specific pathways and interests. Students in these classes may be studying one or two subjects (usually in Maths or English) above their year level. This gives them the opportunity to complete Year 12 over 2 years to better manage work load and maximise ATAR. It also enables them to study a greater range of subjects at Year 12 if they wish.

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## Results

*Combined IB and SACE  
ATAR results for years  
2013 - 2015*



## *The IGNITE Program offers:*

- A level of challenge which matches the needs of the student.
- Reduction in repetition.
- Working with supportive intellectually compatible peers.
- Focus on critical, creative and ethical thinking.
- Developing the skills to become more open-minded, responsible risk-takers.
- Higher Order Thinking Skills explicitly taught.
- Flexibility in student learning.
- Range of enrichment programs.
- Support for social and emotional needs.
- Differentiated and cross year level learning.
- International focus preparing students for global citizenship.
- Teaching staff who have received relevant training to deliver the program.

## *Co-curricular offerings include:*

- Future Problem Solving.
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards.
- Oliphant Science Awards.
- Participation in International, National and State competitions in Mathematics, Science, Computing, Geography, Languages, English and Poetry.
- Orienteering, Fencing and other sports.
- Various Student Life clubs ie Chess, Debating, Environmental, International, Musical Theatre.

*Please view our Student Life & Sport Activities brochure for a complete list of co-curricular activities.*

