

Enhanced Learning

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The role of the Enhanced Learning Centre is to provide support to students with identified learning needs. Opportunities are facilitated for students, families and teachers to work collaboratively to identify student needs and together design learning pathways to meet these. In keeping with the St Peter's ethos of education for 'body, mind and spirit', our approach to meeting the needs of students is holistic and inclusive. Gifted and talented students are included in our provision for students with specialised learning needs. We aim to support these students develop areas of interest and ability, and a current priority in this area is knowing what students want and need to ensure we make appropriate provision.

Eligibility

Students are identified and prioritised for learning support through various assessments. Information is gathered through entry testing, school-based assessments, standardised tests, contributing school reports, educational psychometric reports and through information from parents/caregivers. Teachers can nominate gifted students using subject-specific identification tools and additionally there is a self-nomination system. The GATE leader oversees this area.

Support

- Learning Assistant support in class is provided in Year 7 and 8 Core classes in English and Maths classes at Year 9, 10 and 11 (where the need has been identified). Other core subject classes where possible.
- Student progress is monitored through liaison with classroom teachers, Deans, Learning Support staff, students and their families.
- There is close liaison with outside agencies and private providers to arrange formal assessment of student needs where necessary.
- There is support for students qualifying for special assessment conditions (SAC) in internal and external assessments, e.g. reader or computer/writer.
- Students may need an IEP or personalised learning plan.
- We can provide modified Supported Learning programmes.
- Small group and individual support builds new skills for students.
- Strategies for teaching are developed for individual students to ensure learning needs are met within the class setting.
- We share information about events, seminars and the like that may be of interest to students, parents and staff.

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English for Academic Purposes Foundation Course (ESOL)

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This course has been designed to meet the language requirements of English Language Learners whose English Level is below that required for successful integration in mainstream subjects. Students will be provided with a strong foundation of English language and study skills to help them to be successful at their year Level and in the various mainstream subjects they choose to study.

Entry to this foundation course is determined by results from an initial placement test. Students that are currently working at ELIP stage 1-2 and/or below pre-intermediate Level will benefit most from this course. Students need to demonstrate sufficient language competency and study skills to enable them to cope with the demands of mainstream subjects before graduating from the course. The expected level of achievement is an intermediate or higher Level of English.

Students are timetabled for a minimum of 12 periods per week for this course. There is a cost of \$30 for the grammar textbook for this course.

Students who have successfully completed this course should be able to participate in more mainstream subjects, but will also attend ESOL classes for additional on-going support.