Woodvale Secondary College

Academic Extension

Program

Pursuing Excellence
The Woodvale Secondary College Academic Extension Program caters for the needs of talented and gifted students.

Earning a position in the program is the key to your child excelling and engaging throughout Years 7 – 10. If your child earns a position in the program they will be grouped with like-minded students and taught a specialised program that will prepare them for Years 11, 12 and University.

**Curriculum**

Your child has the opportunity to earn a position in the WSC Academic Extension Program in one or both of: the following pathways:

- **Humanities** – English & Society and Environment
- **Sciences** – Maths & Science

The Curriculum is differentiated for students allowing for integration between subjects, flexible timetabling to cater for specialised programs including incursions, excursions and extra-curricular activities. Students will learn a wider range of practical activities, complex problem solving, model making, inquiry and fieldwork, all of which will contribute to enhancing their abilities to excel in further study.

They will learn skills to problem solve, become effective planners and learners, improve study skills, work collaboratively and develop their ability to become more in-depth lateral thinkers. Research into independent learners is also a foundation of this program.

The extra-curricular activities offered in the program include competitions at state, national and international level which include:

- ‘University of NSW’ for Maths & Science
- Australian National Chemistry Quiz
- Primary Industry Centre for Science Education (PICSE) competition
- Royal Chemistry Institute Quiz
- Tournament of Minds
- Writing Competitions
- Australian Geography Competition
- Australian History Competition
- Tim Winton writing competition

If students excel in any of the learning areas they will receive accolades from the College, as well as nomination to a range of awards.

Top Academic Extension students are also acknowledged and rewarded through the Principal’s list program.

An important component of the academic extension program is the college community service aspect. This is linked to certificates of acknowledgement.
ENGAGEMENT

Your child has the opportunity to participate in a diverse range of activities and programs that will extend them socially, emotionally and physically:

- Excellence showcase
- Instrumental music program
- Speech Competition
- Debating
- Lunch time activities

LEADERSHIP & VALUES

Woodvale Secondary College believes in shared leadership. Your child will be shaped for citizenship through a range of programs.

- Mentoring
- Year Leader
- Peer Leader
- Community Service

CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

Students who excel will be acknowledged through the college with:

- Certificates of Excellence
- Principal’s List Awards functions
- Top achievement in each year group
- Award certificates and prizes for Year 10
- Publication in the college newsletter, e-bulletin, on the College web site
- Acknowledgement through national competitions
- Certificates

PASTORAL CARE

Woodvale Secondary College provides exceptional pastoral care support for your child. They have access to assistance from:

- Contact Teacher
- Year Coordinator
- Academic Extension Coordinator
- Associate Principal managing the A/E course
- Student Services and Peer Support
- Chaplain
- School Psychologist
- School Nurse
- Community service

SELECTION PROCESS

Students can apply for a position for study in Years 7 - 10. Positions will be offered according to student’s aptitude and ability as indicated through standardised testing, teacher judgement and information provided by previous schools.

On selection into the program students will be closely monitored to ensure they are achieving at the standard required for the Academic Extension

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on the testing and selection procedures, or specific detail about involvement in the program, please contact the Woodvale Secondary College Academic Extension Program Coordinator:

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