**Academic Extension Program**

Brisbane Bayside State College’s Academic Extension Program remains a selective entrance program designed for students who demonstrate the potential for extension in core curriculum areas. This program has at its foundation student’s proven capacity in literacy and numeracy, using these principles and processes to support their engagement in higher order thinking, critical inquiry and investigation across the areas of English, Mathematics, Science and History/Geography. The development and enrichment of these skills operates to prepare students for a high level of success in the senior school, and tertiary readiness.

**Student Outcomes:**

The Academic extension program holds at its core the desire to develop within students the skills and abilities to become a life-long learner, with the capacity to become an active global citizen who is:

- A knowledgeable person with deep understanding
- A person who uses creativity, logic and or reason to solve problems
- An effective communicator
- Possesses an inquisitive mind
- A reflective and self-directed learner

The program includes special projects and participation in extension activities.

**Extension looks like:**

- Curriculum compaction and acceleration: students complete the regular core curriculum concepts in an abridged format
- Increased exposure to and engagement in top order HOT thinking skills and processes
- Application of key concepts, principles and processes to new or real world settings
- Showcasing and publishing work

**Teaching Staff:**

The teachers of the academic extension program are committed to self-improvement and professional development. They are all leading practitioners who are passionate about their subject and remain in possession of expert knowledge of their given curriculum area. At Brisbane Bayside State College we are committed to their professional development through their participation in programs and experiences targeted at the:

- Enhancement of teacher knowledge and skills
- Employment of educational strategies and practices for highly able students
- Exploitation and manipulation of new ICT’s for learning and information sharing