



In keeping with Kennedy Baptist College’s mission of ‘providing educational opportunities of excellence in a Christian context and addressing the needs of individuals for lifelong learning’, the College offers a selective entry academic extension program for Year 7 students.

Purpose

The purpose of the Kennedy Extension and Enrichment Program (KEEP) is to provide an environment where academically able students can be challenged and extended to attain the highest levels of excellence. Students will work alongside peers who share similar aspirations, abilities and interests. The students in KEEP will be taught by teachers with expert skills and knowledge for this particular program.

Program

Students will cover the core curriculum but will also be engaged in extension and enrichment activities. Extension involves the deepening of students’ knowledge, understanding and skills. Enrichment refers to the broadening of the curriculum to develop knowledge, application and thinking skills to greater degrees of complexity.

At the heart of the teaching-learning program will be activities that encourage students to develop and use all six levels of Bloom’s Revised Taxonomy – Remembering, Understanding Applying, Analysing, Evaluating, and Creating. Ultimately the program aims to keep students motivated, engaged, thinking critically and passionate about lifelong learning.

Students selected for KEEP will participate in the full Year 7 program, which includes Physical Education, Christian Education, French or Chinese, Computing, Health Education and Electives. For Mathematics, English, Science and Humanities, they will be in a class with their KEEP peers. All Year 7 students study Mathematics and English for six periods per week and Science and Humanities for five.

Students enrolled for Year 7 will have the opportunity to apply for a position in the program. Selection will be based on testing conducted during the year preceding entry to Year 7. Beyond Year 7, Extension classes in Mathematics, English, Science and Humanities provide continued enrichment opportunities for our students.



Mathematics

KEEP students will cover the standard Year 7 content, with a greater emphasis on problem solving and reasoning. Projects and enrichment activities will utilise both internally-based resources and materials provided by the Australian Mathematics Trust. Students will also be given the opportunity to participate in state and national competitions such as the Australian Mathematics Competition.



English

KEEP students will follow the Year 7 Western Australian Curriculum, but will focus further on reading, comprehending and writing more complex texts. A greater emphasis will be placed on collaboration and problem-based learning activities, aimed at extending students' abilities to work creatively together, thereby developing critical thinking skills.



Science

Lessons for KEEP students will include core curriculum material and extension and enrichment activities. These could include tiered assignments, open-ended collaborative investigations, projects, self-directed learning, decision making and field trips to experience science in action. Students may also be given the opportunity to participate in state and national competitions.



Humanities

Students spend one term on each of the four major disciplines of Politics and Law, History, Economics and Geography. KEEP students will cover the course material at an accelerated pace allowing more time for both collaborative and individual learning experiences that will foster development of research, analytical, reasoning and communication skills.

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