Academic Extension Program
The Academic Extension (AE) Program aims to encourage and stimulate students to excel at school. The program places particular emphasis on developing an understanding of different learning styles and skills in inquiry, analytical, critical and creative thinking. Classroom teachers aim to provide a stimulating environment, to give students the skills and the time to explore an issue, text or problem in more depth and communicate their conclusions more effectively. Students are encouraged to gradually take responsibility for their own learning.

The Curriculum:
The curriculum that AE students study is greatly enriched and extended to provide learning opportunities that assist them to maximize their talents and abilities. Learning is enhanced by:

1. Workshops and guest speakers that support the development of:
   • Problem solving
   • Critical and lateral thinking skills as well as organisation and research skills
   • Emotional intelligence
   • Career pathways

2. Excursions to
   • SciTech, CSIRO, Digital Studio
   • Horizon and the Planetarium
   • Fremantle Literacy Centre
   • Career Exhibitions

3. Opportunities to present to an audience the results of their research and to display presentation skills.


5. Involvement in special programs run by the Australian Business Community Network and the Petroleum Club of WA.

6. There is a three day camp for all Academic Extension students Years 7 to 10 in December each year.

The Structure and Selection Process:
Students in the AE Program are together for English, Society and Environment, Mathematics and Science. The teachers of these subjects work co-operatively to develop a challenging and stimulating curriculum. The program supports the nurturing of leadership skills and the promotion of empathy towards all members of the community as an integral part of developing well rounded and successful individuals.

Selection Process:
Students need to submit an application for the program. Entry to the program can be gained by completing a selection test or presenting the results of the GATE test. In addition a number of places will be reserved for students whose NAPLAN results are meritorious or are recommended by their Primary School Teacher.