

Park Ridge State High School



Academic Excellence Program (IGNITE)

Enrolment Information



INTRODUCTION

Our key question 'is every student learning?' drives targeted curriculum delivery for all learners. To this end we offer a range of excellence programs tailored toward enriching and extending students academically, musically and/or athletically. Students who are part of a Park Ridge Excellence program epitomise our vision of ***Excellence in all we do*** by continuously challenging themselves to do their best.

At Park Ridge State High School we deliver Academic, Music and AFL Excellence programs which offer a rich array of cultural, academic and/or sporting instruction delivered through thoroughly researched and targeted pedagogy by skilled and committed teachers who deeply understand their student's abilities and learning requirements.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The aim of the Park Ridge State High School Academic Excellence Program (IGNITE) is to develop lifelong learners with digital literacies and 21st century skills that will prepare them for the careers of the future. This is achieved through an innovative approach to teaching and learning built to meet the needs of the extension learner and provide this student with the skills to meet the demands of a complex technology based global workforce. The program provides the learner with unique and engaging learning opportunities that provide a divergent approach to the mainstream curriculum.

IGNITE is designed to provide a clear pathway for students who are committed to academic endeavours and the pursuit of a university education. Our curriculum encourages students to:

- ❖ Engage in unique learning opportunities and challenging work environments
- ❖ Use enhanced critical thinking skills
- ❖ Explore project based learning tasks
- ❖ Develop collaborative partnerships and a team ethos
- ❖ Become conversant and competent in the integration of technology
- ❖ Reach their potential through guided individual learning pathways

Students in the program will study all core subjects (Maths, Science, History and English) in a streamed class of high achieving students until the end of year 9 or as long as they maintain program requirements.

Instrumental music students also have the benefit of guaranteed entry into our Instrumental Music Excellence Program (IMEX) upon successful entry into the IGNITE program.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Entry into IGNITE will be open to students from the end of Year 5. Students should demonstrate a proven record of high performance that demonstrates proficiency in or across academic fields of the curriculum such as Mathematics, Science, English, SOSE, or excellence across the curriculum spectrum. Students are likely to be high performing and ultimately university bound.

Due to the accelerated nature of the IGNITE program, we require that students in the program:

- ❖ Are passing the four core subjects – English, Maths, Science, SOSE (A and B level results would be preferred)
- ❖ Have an attendance rate of at least 92%
- ❖ Complete all homework and class activities
- ❖ Submit assessment drafts for feedback and complete assessment tasks by the due dates
- ❖ Demonstrate respect for the learning of themselves and others within the classroom
- ❖ Present a positive attitude towards all learning activities
- ❖ Arrive to class on time
- ❖ Participate in learning activities both during and outside of class time

COST

Normal school fees apply to students enrolling in the IGNITE Academic Excellence Program.

In addition to these costs, students will also be required to have a laptop for use in all lessons. Please be advised that this must be available for student use from the start of Term 1.

Information about our Bring Your Own Device scheme can be found on the school website at the link below: <https://parkridgeshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/bring-your-own-device>

Further information about the cost of enrolling at Park Ridge State High School can be found in the school enrolment package. Please contact the school office for further information.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

The school will:

- ❖ Provide a caring and supportive learning environment to maximise success
- ❖ Expect high standards of behaviour, dress and attendance
- ❖ Facilitate the improvement of skills, participation and enjoyment
- ❖ Monitor and report on student progress
- ❖ Provide a high quality teaching team

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

High School prepares students for a productive adult life and integration into the community and workplace. As such, students are required to:

- ❖ Attend all timetabled lessons and maintain a minimum of 92% attendance
- ❖ Be punctual and prepared for all lessons
- ❖ Complete classroom and homework tasks by deadlines
- ❖ Participate in classroom and online learning activities with a positive approach to learning
- ❖ Attend and participate in all Excellence activities
- ❖ Uphold the school values
- ❖ Engage with the community when required
- ❖ Demonstrate team work and respect when working in teams

REPORTING

In addition to the regular school reports, students and parents will be provided with the following:

- ❖ Information in emails and news
- ❖ Casual and ongoing communication with parents about any concerns and achievements

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