



HIGHVIEW COLLEGE STUDENT VCE ACCELERATION POLICY

Responsible – Executive OPERATIONAL

(Ratified every three years)

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Rationale

Acceleration is not advised in every instance. Consideration of additional stress needs to be extended to students. Students must demonstrate extended academic prowess to be considered for acceleration.

This opportunity is provided to interested year 10 students to enrol in a Unit 1 & 2 VCE study, one year earlier than usual.

Students are interviewed to determine their capacity to meet the demands of VCE, according to prescribed criteria.

Aims

To:

- Maximise opportunities for student success
- Establish clear criteria for acceleration
- Promote understanding that acceleration is a privilege not a right.

Process

All students seeking acceleration will have an interview with a member of Executive.

The following will be considered:

- Demonstrated maturity
- Academic excellence in English and a subject relevant to the desired acceleration in Semester 1 Year 9
- 90+% attendance in Semester 1 Year 9

In circumstances where a student has not demonstrated what they believe is their capacity for acceleration they may be given Semester 2 in which to demonstrate they are able to meet the prerequisite criteria.

Successful students are monitored by their teachers during their first semester to ensure they are able to suitably manage the requirements of their VCE course.

