

IGNITE ACADEMIC PROGRAM



**PROSPECTUS
2020/2021**





WELCOME FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



**Salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world ...
let your light shine before others'. Matthew 5:13-16**

We invite students in Stage 4 of St Joseph's Catholic High School to apply for our Ignite Academic Program. The Stages 4 and 5 Ignite Academic Programs will have a significantly different focus to each other.

The Stage 4 program will look at skills and knowledge development that can be utilised across all contact areas, whilst the Stage 5 program will have a project focus. To be considered for the Stage 4 Ignite Academic Program, there are guidelines which need to be met. Students and their parents would need to be supportive of the program.

Selected students in Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) will be involved in a program which has four key focus areas that allows them to develop their brain plasticity and develop higher order thinking skills to ask questions around their learning. It is based on the education of self and the education of their relationship with others, as this has a major impact on the way students think and learn. They will also explore social and emotional intelligence during their program.

Students will be expected to participate in a 'gratitude project'. This is a compulsory element of this program. This will require students to be out of class and catch up on some work. The projects will be based around students areas of strengths.

I want to ignite their passion and keep the fire for learning alive through the high school years. We look forward to embracing this program with you.

Ms Amanda Wilson
Principal



STAGE 4 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Stage 4 program will look at skills and knowledge development that can be utilised across all content areas. The program focus areas are as under.

Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) will have four focus areas

1. Know Thy Brain

- How do you learn?
- How does memory work?
- What is neuroscience?

2. Know Thyself and Others

- Social emotional intelligence
- Psychology and sociology
- Dealing with different levels of maturity
- Fitting in or belonging?

3. Challenge and Change

- Responding to situations
- Developing perseverance (especially relevant to students who find things easy to do)
- Perfectionism - bonuses and challenges

4. Order Your Thinking or Thinking Your Order?

- Higher order thinking skills
- Working under pressure
- To stress or not to stress - how it affects thinking
- Exam techniques



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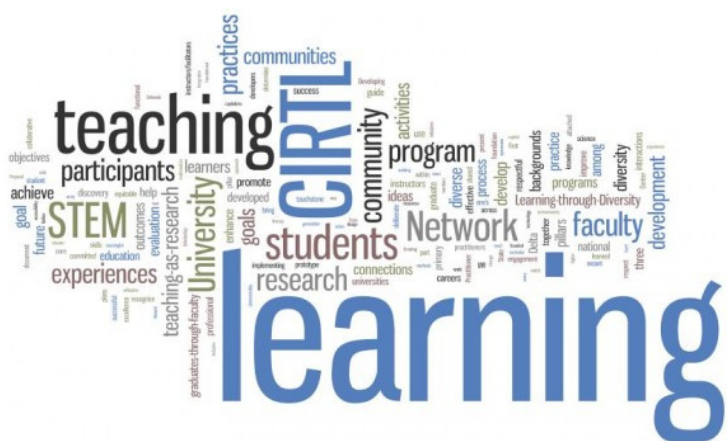


SELECTION CRITERIA

- The Ignite Academic Program is open to students in Stage 4.
- To be eligible to apply for selection into the Ignite Academic Program, the following criteria must be met.
 - An excellent attitude towards school
 - A minimum of 4 A's or B's on their report card in any subject
 - A passion to learn.
 - A commitment to the school values outlined in the school diary with a sound behaviour record
 - 100% commitment whilst in the program.

Failure to meet these requirements may lead to removal from the program.

- There will be a capped number of students chosen to participate in the Ignite Academic Program.



ENROLMENT PROCESS

- Enrolment into the Ignite Academic Program requires an annual application. There is no automatic guarantee of acceptance. Students may apply the following year if they are not selected.
- The applications will close **4pm on Tuesday 20 October 2020**. Application forms are available from the school office or online www.sjchsdown.catholic.edu.au.
- All relevant copies of reports, references, certificates, awards, and/or achievements must be attached to the application for consideration.
- Students may be interviewed and/or photographed by the media. It is a requirement that a 'Consent for the use of Student Image' form is completed for all students selected into the program.
- On the basis of selection criteria for enrolment, an interview list as determined by the Principal, will be developed and offers for interviews will be made. The application does not guarantee an interview. The selection criteria must be met.
- At the completion of the interview process, successful applicants will be sent an Acceptance of Offer/Code of Conduct for entry into the Ignite Academic Program. By signing this, both students and parents/carers indicate their acceptance of the conditions of enrolment into the program.
- A non-refundable administration fee of \$50.00 is to be paid with submission of the Acceptance of Offer. If this is not paid, the acceptance may be deemed unsuccessful.



PROGRAM COMMITTEE STAFF

The following staff are involved with the Stage 4 Ignite Academic Program.



Amanda Wilson



Sarah-Jane Janson



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If you require any further information regarding the program, please send us an email at info@schjsdow.catholic.edu.au or contact the school Office on 4230 8500 and we will get back to you with an answer to your enquiry as soon as possible.

