



ST ALBANS
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program and Scholarship Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. When do applications for 2024 entry close?

Applications for 2024 entry close on **Friday 25 August 2023**.

The Edutest will be held on **Saturday 2 September 2023** at St Albans Secondary College.

You must register for the SEAL Program and Edutest online using the "SEAL and Scholarship Program" link on our website homepage. If you require support with the application process, please contact the College by 21 July 2023.

2. How much does it cost to apply for the SEAL Program?

The cost of the application is \$88.00.

Late applications (after Friday 25 August 2023) will attract a late fee of \$238.00.

3. What happens if I don't have a credit card available to make the Edutest payment?

You can purchase a temporary, prepaid Mastercard 'credit' card from Australia Post Offices. You purchase the card, load the money onto it, and make your payment. See more details at:

<https://auspost.com.au/money-insurance/buy-gift-cards/auspost-gift-card>

4. Can students apply for more than one type of scholarship?

Yes, you can apply for more than one type of scholarship at a time, whether that is Academic (automatically entered for consideration upon application for the SEAL Program), Sport, Leadership, Citizenship or the Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship.

Please ensure that if you are applying for more than one scholarship, you have suitable evidence and supporting documentation for each scholarship.

5. What details will I need to complete the application form?

Please ensure that you have your:

- Name and contact details, such as email, phone number and home address
- Child's name and school (current / primary school) name
- Child's teacher's name and email address

Your child will also need to complete a paragraph about why they should have a place in the SEAL Program. Please ensure that this paragraph is completed by your child.

You will also be required to submit supporting documentation for the application, which can be scanned and attached during your application process – please see the next question.

6. What documentation do I need to submit with a SEAL Application?

You can scan and attach (upload) all required documentation when submitting your application. You may save your application and return to it if you need to obtain and attach documents before submitting your application.

If you are unable to scan and upload documentation, you must indicate that you will be submitting physical copies of these when asked during the application process. If you are submitting paper copies, you must submit these by the day of the Edutest (Saturday 2 September 2023). Late documents will not be accepted.

The following documents are required:

- Your child's latest school reports (Semester 1, Year 6)
- A piece of extended handwritten English work completed by your child. Examples include short essays, narrative writing (stories), and persuasive writing.

Student Reference Forms are sent directly to the primary school teachers for completion. Please ensure that you enter the correct email address for your child's teacher.

Please call the College if you require assistance.

7. Can students take the Edutest at another school and share their results with your school?

Yes, you can take the test at another school. Edutest will then send us your child's results when our testing occurs. However, not all schools share results – please check on Edutest's website and contact them if needed.

8. When and where do I submit my documentation if I am not sitting the Edutest at St Albans?

If you are not sitting the Edutest at our school because you have sat it elsewhere, you must ensure that you will submit an application online by Friday 25 August 2023. All documentation must still be submitted, online or in person, by Saturday 2 September 2023.

Documentation will not be accepted past this date as we have strict timelines to meet.

Note: You may have to attend an interview as part of your SEAL application. If this is to occur, you will be contacted to arrange a suitable date and time.

9. How are Edutest results shared?

Generally, Edutest results are shared online with the other schools after their testing date - they are given your results with all their other testing results. However, not all schools elect to share Edutest results. Please check the school's special conditions and contact Edutest if you are unsure of the process.

10. Are there practice SEAL Edutest tests available?

Edutest has some practice tests on their website for a **fee**, although they do say that these are just practice questions and do not resemble the format of the test, which is longer and more complex. See here: <https://www.edutest.com.au/parents.htm>

11. How many times can the Edutest be taken? Can I sit it at more than one school?

You can only take the Edutest **once a year**. If applying to more than one school, you should take the test at the school with the earliest closing/examination date. See here: <https://www.edutest.com.au/parents.htm>

12. How do I apply for the Academic Excellence Scholarship?

Students who wish to apply for the Academic Excellence Scholarship must apply for the SEAL Program. Applying for the SEAL Program automatically places you under consideration for the Academic Excellence Scholarship. Recipients of the Academic Excellence Scholarship will be placed in the SEAL Program.

Please note that not all students accepted to the SEAL Program will receive an Academic Excellence Scholarship. Academic Excellence Scholarships are granted at the discretion of the school.

13. What should I submit if I am applying for another category of scholarship?

If you apply for a Sports, Leadership, Citizenship or Visual and Performing Arts scholarship, you will need to submit an online application. You can indicate all the scholarships that you intend to apply for during the application process.

You should submit as much supporting evidence for your scholarship as possible. Evidence that cannot be submitted online should be brought in person, e.g., an audio or video recording. For example:

Sports:

- Letter(s) of recommendation from coaches, P.E. teachers, etc.
- Certificates of achievement/medals.
- Other evidence e.g., images, newsletters, articles.
- School reports.

Leadership:

- Letter(s) of recommendation from teachers/Principals.
- Certificates of achievement/recognition of school leadership.
- Evidence of leadership positions, e.g., newsletters, articles, etc.
- School reports.

Citizenship:

- Letter(s) of recommendation from teachers/Principals/leaders e.g., church leader.
- Images of you engaged in relevant activities, e.g., volunteering, participating in and leading youth groups, etc.
- Certificates of achievements/recognition.
- Evidence of participation in relevant activities, e.g., newsletters and articles.
- School reports.

Visual and Performing Arts:

- Certificates of achievements/examinations.
- Portfolios of work, e.g., sketches, paintings, images of sculptures, etc.
- Letter of recommendation from your music, art, dance or drama teacher(s)
- Evidence of participation in related activities such as art, dance or music competitions, school or community plays, participation in choirs, bands or orchestras, etc. Evidence could include: images, videos, newsletters, articles, etc.
- School reports.

If you have any evidence that cannot be sent via upload (online), please indicate this during your application and list the evidence that you will be submitting in person.