



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

## 1. Who can apply for the SEAL or Scholarships Program?

As per recent advice from the Department of Education and Training, SEAL and or Scholarship applications are only open to Year 6 students who have been offered a place at St Albans Secondary College for the following year. If you believe you have successfully enrolled in Year 7 next year at St Albans Secondary College but have not received a letter of confirmation, please contact the office on (03) 9366 2555 or email [enrolments@stalbanssc.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@stalbanssc.vic.edu.au).

## 2. When do applications for 2025 entry close?

Applications for 2025 entry close on Friday 23 August 2024.

The Edutest Entrance Exam will be held on Saturday 31 August 2024 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 19 July 2024.

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

The cost of the application is \$88.00.

Late applications (after 23 August 2024) will attract a late fee of \$238.00.

## 4. 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>

## 5. 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.

## 6. What details will I need to complete on 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 the application process – please see the next question.

## 7. 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 can submit these on the day of the Edutest Entrance Exam (Saturday 31 August 2024). Late documents will not be accepted.

The following documents are required:

- Your child's latest NAPLAN report
- 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.

Please call the College if you require assistance.

## 8. Where and when does my child go to take the Edutest Entrance Exam??

Your child needs to go to the main entrance of St Albans Secondary College, 289 Main Road East, St Albans. You should arrive no later than 8:50am on Saturday 31 August 2024.

## 9. If my child has taken an Edutest at another school, can that test be shared with your school?

Generally Edutest results will only be shared with schools for which you have applied and paid the Edutest registration fee separately. If you have not registered and paid for the Edutest at St Albans Secondary College and your child has sat an Edutest earlier at another school, that Edutest result will not be shared with us.

## 10. 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 Entrance Exam at our school because you have sat it elsewhere, you must ensure that you will submit an application online by Friday 23 August 2024. All documentation must still be submitted, online or in person, by Saturday 31 August 2024.

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.

## 11. Are there practice Edutest Entrance Exams?

Edutest has some practice tests on their website for a fee, although they do not say that these are just practice questions and do not resemble the format of the test, which is longer and more complex. For more information, please refer to <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 are applying 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, PE 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 achievement / 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.