



KINROSS COLLEGE

Extension & Acceleration Program (KEA Program)

APPLICATION & HAST TEST DETAILS

Applications are now open for the Kinross College Academic Extension Program for Year 7 students 2021.

Please note that if your child has already sat the HAST test, or is in the KEA program, they do NOT need to take this test, please ignore this communication.

Kinross College offers a school-based academic extension program for gifted and talented students in Years 7 to 10. Students who earn a place in this program are provided with a differentiated curriculum that is both challenging and enriching.

By completing the application form you are committing to enrol your son or daughter in the **Kinross Extension & Acceleration (KEA) program for 2021** and to participate in the **HAST**. Entry into the program is based on school reports, NAPLAN and HAST test results.

The Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST) is an assessment used by secondary schools to identify academically gifted students for participation in accelerated learning and enhancement programs. The test draws upon Australian Council of Education Research (ACER's) extensive experience in high stakes testing programs for schools such as the Selective High School Placement tests in New South Wales, the Ignite program in South Australia, the GATE program in Western Australia and the Queensland Academies Students Entrance Test.

The HAST program delivers rigorous tests in reading comprehension, mathematical reasoning, abstract reasoning and written expression at all levels of secondary school, including first level entry. HAST is designed to measure innate ability and academic potential, unlike curriculum-based tests which typically identify what a student has already learnt.

The test material is presented in a wide range of contexts and includes some items that are highly verbal, some that require the ability to perceive concepts at an abstract level, others that require the ability to synthesize, extrapolate or make inferences and some that apply logical and strategic thinking to solving a problem.

The cost of the testing is **\$68.00 per child**. Registration **closes on Friday 18 September 2020** and students will sit the **HAST** test on **Wednesday 21 October 2020** between 9 am and 12:30 pm.

Students applying for entry in 2021 to the Kinross College KEA program will sit the 4 test package according to their age. Please go to <https://www.acer.edu.au/hast-secondary> for more information about the test, including sample questions.

Additional information will be forwarded after the closing date for applications prior to testing. If you have any further questions please email alice.sedgman@education.wa.edu.au or contact me at the College on 9233 6700.

Yours sincerely

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