

PAKENHAM SECONDARY COLLEGE
MIDDLE YEARS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
“BRIGHT SPARKS”

The aim of the Year 7 Bright Sparks Program is to provide all students with enhanced opportunities for learning. These opportunities include extension work and extra-curricular activities.

The grouping of students according to ability is to address the needs of higher ability students who have a faster pace of learning. Successful grouping of students through talented sport and music endeavours traditionally occurs frequently. The experience for a high ability student in a mixed ability class can be less challenging as success can be achieved without much effort.

Selection for the program is based on parent and teacher nomination, student academic performance and student interview.

Following these procedures ultimate selection is the responsibility of an Assistant Principal, Enhancement Coordinator, Educators and Team Leaders.

Monitoring of student progress in the Enhancement class will be ongoing and will include:

- Curriculum based testing including pre-tests and on-line testing.
- Regular teacher assessment of work ethic and group participation.
- Informal and structured observations of student learning.
- Evidence of participation in enrichment activities and involvement in the wider school program and wider community.

If you wish for your child to be considered for a place in the Enhancement group for the 2010 year please complete the parent nomination form enclosed in this transition package and return it to the College along with the other enrolment documents.

Parent Nomination

Student Name:

Primary School Attended:

1. Some academic areas where my child excels include:

2. What extra-curricular activities does your child participate on a regular basis (e.g. sport, music):

3. Does your child pursue individual projects at home like investigations or research things constantly?

4. Is your child sensitive to world issues or expresses concern when watching news items?

5. Does your child have a strong sense of justice and always play by the rules?
