



Selective Entry Exam 2021: Yr 9 intake **Date finalised: 13th and 14th Nov 2021.**

Extract of letter sent by the Department to parents:

Dear _____

Thank you for your patience while the Department of Education and Training has worked with the Department of Health to safely deliver the 2021 Selective Entry High School exam.

This letter confirms that the exam will take place on 13 and 14 November 2021 at the Melbourne Showgrounds, subject to the appropriate health approvals.

The health and safety of applicants is our priority. To support this, there will be several changes to the examination conditions this year. Further information about these conditions, including infection mitigation measures, will be provided to all applicants in their candidate letters in early November. The candidate letters will also include the allocated sitting date and time for each applicant. The examination settings will maximise spacing and reduce mixing amongst students from different schools.

COVID-19 VACCINES

Getting vaccinated is the best way students can protect themselves, their family and their school community from outbreaks and the spread of COVID-19. If they haven't already done so, students sitting the SEHS exam are strongly encouraged to book in for their first dose or second dose before the exam. However, it is recommended students don't get vaccinated on the day of an exam, or the day before an exam, to avoid common but mild side-effects such as tiredness, headache, muscle pain, fever and chills and/or joint pain during the exam.

Students and parents can book and/or change a vaccination appointment at a vaccination centre through the coronavirus.vic.gov.au website, or through the Coronavirus hotline by phoning 1800 675 398. To find a vaccination centre and opening times, visit the coronavirus.vic.gov.au website.

You can get your COVID-19 vaccine at a state vaccination clinic, a Commonwealth vaccination centre, or through a GP clinic, pharmacy or community health service. You can book your appointment online or by calling the vaccine provider nearest to you.

For information about the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SELECTIVE ENTRY HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

All applicants retain the right to withdraw from the Selective Entry High School examination process. The deadline to withdraw has been extended to Wednesday 27 October 2021. Please indicate your request to withdraw by email to the Selective Entry Unit at seu@education.vic.gov.au.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

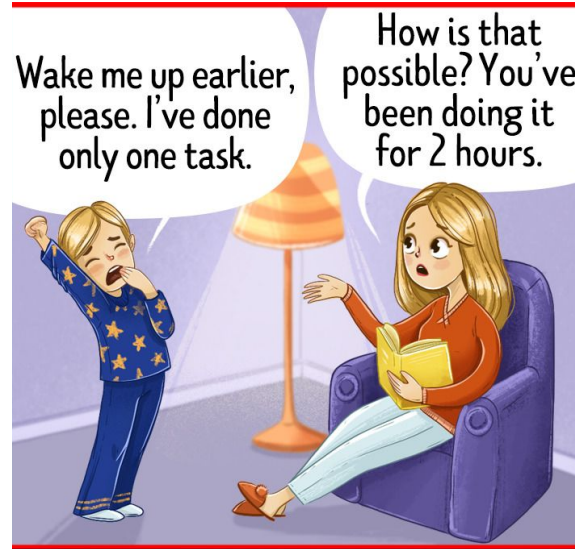
- The writing subtest has been removed to reduce the required time to complete the selection and offers process.
- No interviews will occur as part of the Principal's Discretion process.
- Students who are sitting the examination remotely or are already scheduled to sit the examination at an alternate date based on special arrangements requested at the time of application, can continue to do so. This date will be adjusted in line with the revised date of the main exam.
- Please email the Selective Entry Unit at seu@education.vic.gov.au if you change your mobile phone number or your email address.
- If special arrangements are required to support students with an underlying health condition, please contact the Selective Entry Unit at seu@education.vic.gov.au or (03) 9014 1400.

The Department appreciates your patience and understanding in these challenging times and is committed to supporting you throughout this process.

Yours sincerely

Selective Entry Unit
Department of Education and Training

Homework for Parents- Parental Participation in Child's Learning



<https://brightside.me/inspiration-family-and-kids/how-parents-can-stop-doing-homework-for-their-kids-and-not-lose-their-mind-645810/>

Research shows that those children whose parents participate in their child's learning, achieve higher academic goals.

What is parental participation?

It is not teaching by parents

Parent participation may include:

- Monitoring child's routine
- Monitoring whether the child is completing the homework thoroughly and properly.
- Monitoring the child's test scores
- Monitoring child's implementation of teachers' feedback
- Encouraging the child to ask questions in the class to clarify doubts
- Encouraging the child to strive for excellence
- Ensuring the child maintains a **study-life** balance
- Ensuring the child's mental and physical well-being



Congratulations to Vaishnavi Poduri !

Vaishnavi Poduri, a Grade 6 student at Melbourne Tutorials, is a true champ, maintaining a balance between her studies and co-curricular/ extra-curricular activities.

Vaishnavi's achievements

1. Successfully completed open water swim (250 m) as a part of diploma program
2. Her portrait was displayed as a part of Victoria University art exhibition
3. Came first in 100 m freestyle in women's swim competitions
4. Received black belt in karate
5. Had a successful second semester with an overall growth of approximately 8.5% from the previous semester and an overall grade at A.
6. Successfully met the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge requirements.
(This would be 3rd in a row to get the certificate.)

Melbourne Tutorials wishes Vaishnavi a bright future!

Techniques to learn Math Formulas

From October newsletter

For proficiency in Mathematics, it is important to ensure a firm grasp over the relevant formulas.

For most students, the task becomes daunting due to the numerous formulas that students have to learn.

Consequently, the students might end up confused and stressed in competitive exams like Selective Entry, SEAL and Scholarship etc. Learning formulas gives students confidence and boosts their self-esteem.

The tests are a race against time involving 50-60 questions to be done in 30 minutes. If the students are not sure of the relevant formula for a particular question, they remain confused and tend to take much more time in solving a question and may still get the answer wrong.

Here are some practical memory tricks to help students remember Mathematics formulas more effectively.

Develop understanding:

- Understand how the formula is derived.
- Once you understand the logic behind the formula, learning becomes easy.

Formula notebook and formula wall:

- Make a small notebook to write all the formulas topic and subtopic wise. This is your Formula notebook.
- Keep adding all the formulas in this notebook. For example, Exponents, Straight Line, Probability, Statistics, Financial Maths, Areas, Volumes etc.
- You may also write the same formulas on loose A4 paper sheets and stick them up in your study to make a "Formula wall".

Revise:

- Allocate a specific time during the day for formula revision- 30 minutes per day. This time can be gradually reduced (25 minutes, 20 minutes, 15 minutes etc.), as you start having the formulas imprinted in your mind.
- Use the formula notebook and wall to revise.
- Use the technique- Look, Say, Cover & Write, taking one topic at a time
- Rote learning: Learn the formulas as a repetitive process. Keep revising.

Do practice questions based on formulas:

- Practice various categories of questions
- Write the formula before you solve any question.

Conquering Mathematics and Numerical Reasoning depends on various strategies. Learning formulas by heart is one of them. Keep practising your formulas!