

"Honour Above Honours"

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What is the ACE Program at Biloela SHS?

The **Accelerated Curriculum Enrichment (ACE)** program provides students in Years 7 to 9 with the opportunity to work with like-minded students who often share similar educational goals and values.

The ACE program provides students currently achieving high academic results in primary school to continue to develop these skills in the high school setting.

The ACE program helps prepare students who are considering a tertiary pathway (university) or taking extension English, Maths or Science subjects in Senior school.

All students at Biloela SHS in years 7-9:

- Study the Australian Curriculum
- Study the same units and complete the same assessment as all students in the year level.
- Submit assessment at the same time as all other classes as per the Assessment Schedule

Students in the ACE program:

- Will have the opportunity to complete core concepts at a faster rate. This provides time for students to be exposed to more challenging concepts and experiences.
- Will be offered additional experiences such as involvement in Maths, Science and English competitions.

Eligibility for the ACE program:

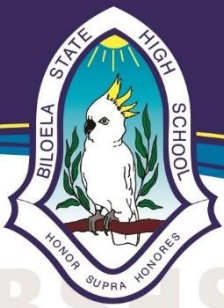
- Students applying for the ACE Program must be achieving at least two B grades and no less than a C across their course of study in English, Maths and Science as calculated in Semester 1 of Year 6 as per the *possible* combinations below:

English	Maths	Science
B	B	C
C	B	B
B	C	B

- Students should have demonstrated the ability to work independently – both in class and at home to achieve solid academic results.
- Students should be an enthusiastic and motivated learner who demonstrate excellent classroom behaviour and effort.

The application process for 2023 has been adjusted to include ***The ACE Experience***.





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Applying for the 2023 Year 7 ACE Program

Stage One Application

All students wishing to be considered for the ACE Program must submit an application form. These applications need to be submitted directly to David Hall at Biloela State High School by COB Wednesday 17th August 2022.

Stage Two

The ACE Experience

Students who meet the academic and learning behaviour criteria will be invited to participate in an ACE day experience on Wednesday 24th August 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. onsite at Biloela SHS.

Within *The ACE Experience*:

- Students will participate in enrichment activities in the subjects of Science, Maths and English.
- Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their independent learning and problem solving skills.
- Students will complete their written responses to support their ACE application.
- Student performance from the trial experience day will be reviewed in conjunction with student applications.

Stage Three

Application Review

All applications will be considered and ranked by a panel made up of:

- The ACE Deputy Principal – Mr David Hall
- The Head of Department English - Ms Louise Thurecht
- The Head of Department Maths – Mr Michael Morrell
- The HOD of Department Science – Ms Cathie Briner

The maximum class size for ACE is 28 students and positions will be offered following the ranking process by the panel.

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by Biloela SHS by email prior to the second transition day in Term 4.

The school's decision of applicants is final and not subject to appeal.

Students who may miss out in the first round to start Year 7 ACE in Semester 1 2023 will be given the opportunity to apply again in Semester 2, as well as in Year 8 and 9 (pending places being available in the class and student continuing to meet the required criteria).