

# Extension and Advancement Policy

## Purpose

Students of high ability, grouped together in the advanced class will support and challenge one another's learning, work at an accelerated pace and be consistently extended by their teachers.

CDSC is committed to ensuring opportunities for all students to increase skills and knowledge to ensure success in further study and/or employment.

CDSC believes that students will achieve excellence in a positive, challenging, educational environment that stimulates their interests, channels their energies and develops their abilities.

Underpinned by the school focus areas of TRIBES and interdisciplinary learning, we are committed to developing habits of mind that will support further study and/or work.

## Aim

- Carrum Downs Secondary College's Extension/ Advancement Program will provide a rigorous academic program designed to advance the achievement of the students, especially in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics.

## Implementation

- Year 9 Connect teachers will recommend students to be placed in the advanced English and/or Maths class based on their high level of performance, good work ethic, positive attitude to learning and sound organisational skills.
- Year 9 teachers will recommend students to study Unit 1 and 2 of a Victorian Certificate of Education subject when in Year 10 based on special interest/ability in a particular subject area, their high level of performance, good work ethic, positive attitude to learning and sound organisational skills.
- Sub-school Leaders and the Senior Leadership Team will cross reference the recommendations with the Year 9 AIM data. Discrepancies will be discussed to determine the most appropriate outcome in each case.
- Parents and students will be informed in writing of the recommendations regarding their child and invited to seek more information.
- Decision will be made on class placements following discussions with parents and students during the course counselling process.
- Student progress will be monitored and assessed on a term by term basis. A student may be withdrawn from the class if it is deemed by all involved to be in their best interest.

**Evaluation:** This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's review cycle

**Related policies:** School Policy Advisory Guide – <http://www.education.vic.gov.au>

*This policy was endorsed by the College Council in June, 2016*