

The Academic Excellence Program

What is Academic Excellence?

At UCSSC Lake Ginninderra excellence is defined as students having the desire and motivation of a to achieve their personal best.

Academic excellence is seen every day at UCSSC Lake Ginninderra in students pursuing their passions, leading our school community and striving to excel in their intellectual, creative or artistic capacity, or in specific academic fields.

We wish to support and celebrate students who are curious about the world, who have the desire to learn, who are leaders within our community.

Above & Beyond—The Academic Excellence Program:

What does the Program offer?

The Academic Excellence Program is for students striving to excel in their intellectual, creative or artistic capacity, or in specific academic fields.

This program offers students targeted mentorship and opportunities to support their learning in Years 11 and 12. Upon successful entry into the program, opportunities for students will be designed through consultation with the Academic Excellence Team

Opportunities provided will support students not only in their academic pursuits but focus on developing core skills that will enrich students beyond the completion of their ACT Year 12 Certificate. Students within the program are expected to proactively engage in extracurricular activities across the school and attend targeted Academic Excellence events.

Application process:

Further information on the application process for the Academic Excellence Program and all necessary forms can be found on the school's website.

Key Dates:

Expression of interest due:

31 July (Week 2, Term 3)

Application due:

21 August (Week 5, Term 3)

Testing and interviews:

Dates to be determined in Term 3.

Letters of Acceptance:

Sent out early in Term 4.

How do I obtain more information?

For further enquiries contact the college on 6142 0222

or email

LakeG@ed.act.edu.au

or find information on the web at

www.lakeonline.act.edu.au

ANU Extension

The Australian National University is a world-leading university and their extension program provides an enhanced learning experience for Year 11 and 12 students in ACT schools and colleges.

ANU Extension students enrol in an ANU academic award program and will be able to undertake courses in Biodiversity, Chemistry, Physics, Specialist Mathematics, Engineering, Astrophysics, Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Indonesian languages.

Further information can be found at:

<http://extension.anu.edu.au/>

Student Community Leadership

The Student Community Group supports student leaders who aspire to enact positive change within their school and the local community.

This aim of Lake Ginninderra's student community group is to foster empathetic individuals who not only think deeply about the world around them but also feel empowered to challenge the status quo through their active citizenship. Students adopt a collaborative approach to leadership and are encouraged to initiate projects that they are personally drawn to.

Interdisciplinary—Global Studies, Philosophy, Economics (GPE)

The future is interdisciplinary...

Engaging in interdisciplinary studies is a powerful learning experience for students; as they are able to learn through making connections between ideas and concepts from across different disciplines.

Advances in technology, coupled with political, economic, and social shifts both nationally and globally have transformed the nature of work and learning. The focus on 21st-century skills ensures that this course is responsive to individual learners and develops important and transferable skills that will be valuable within the workplace or future studies.



Global Studies, Philosophy and Economics courses help students develop a greater understanding of the world around them and the forces which shape the world – politically, economically, socially and morally.

Each of the disciplines in GPE develops in students analytical, critical, logical and problem-solving skills, which enable them to apply their learning to a wide range of scenarios and situations.

GPE is designed as a purposeful collection of courses, which can be studied in any combination of minors and majors.

Studying one of these courses will gain a student an excellent understanding of that discipline. However it is in the integrated study of two or all three disciplines that a student will achieve the breadth and depth which will yield the greatest learning benefit. Courses are available as Tertiary or Accredited (T/A)

The concept is in the tradition of Oxford University's *Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)* program, subsequently offered by most of the world's top universities. The Australian National University bills PPE as the "passport to some of the world's most promising careers."

A great foundation for further study, career/work and life!

"Some of the big challenges that we face, both societal and scientific, are just not solvable by people sitting in their single-discipline silos – bringing those disciplines together in the long term is what provides the big, big breakthroughs."
-Kedar Pandya, Engineer

"Leonardo da Vinci, the defining Renaissance man and perhaps the greatest intersectionalist of all times, believed that in order to fully understand something one needed to view it from at least three different perspectives."
- Frans Johansson , The Medici Effect