

HIGH ACHIEVER PROGRAM

Application for Year 7, 2022

OVERVIEW

Diamond Valley College welcomes students who are curious, motivated, and highly literate and numerate to apply for the High Achiever Program (HAP) for 2022. This is a program focused on enriching and extending students' critical thinking in all areas of the curriculum. In addition, students are expected to take part in the wider extra-curricular activities within the college.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Date	Activity/Event	Information
Friday 28 th May 2021	Submit enrolment forms and HAP Application Documents to DVC	Justin Matt: 9438 1411
Wednesday 4 th August 4pm-6pm <i>or</i> Saturday 7 th August 9am-11am. Location: the College Library.	Complete literacy and numeracy testing.	Hayley Freeland: 9438 1411
Monday 9 th August – Friday 13 th August 2021	Interview at the college	Students will meet with DVC HAP staff and present their folio of work and discuss their interests.
End of August	Notification of Offers	

If you have any questions regarding the High Achiever Program please contact the College on 9438 1411 or via email.

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HIGH ACHIEVER PROGRAM APPLICATION FORMS

Please complete the following documentation and return **by Friday 28th**

May 2021 to:

Justin Matt
High Achiever Program
Diamond Valley College
PO Box 643,
Diamond Creek, 3089.

STUDENT APPLICATION:

First Name: _____ Surname: _____
Gender: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

CURRENT SCHOOL DETAILS:

Primary School: _____

Grade 6 Teacher: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

HOME CONTACT DETAILS

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: Mobile: _____

Home: _____

Work: _____

Email: _____

Preference for Testing Date: Wednesday 4th August. 4pm – 6pm

Saturday 7th August. 9am – 11am

I give permission for Diamond Valley College to access all relevant information regarding my child and for my child to undertake the required academic testing.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/2021



Student Application

The following questions are for the student to complete. Once completed please return to Diamond Valley College along with the parent section of the application and results of Grade Five NAPLAN (available from your child's primary school).

Name: _____

Please rate your enjoyment of the following activities and statements about learning:

1. I don't agree with this statement
2. I agree with this statement
3. I strongly agree with this statement

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| 1. I like learning and using new words | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2. I like to know what is happening in the world | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 3. I find advancements in technology interesting | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4. I enjoy painting or drawing | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 5. I find mathematical concepts fascinating | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 6. I want to find out how things work | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 7. I prefer to work independently | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 8. I always set myself high goals | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 9. If I don't understand something I give up | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 10. I enjoy learning new ideas or concepts | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 11. I like working in a team to discover new ideas | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 12. I enjoy reading | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 13. If I don't understand an idea I'll ask for help | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 14. I seek out additional information to what I am taught | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 15. I discuss what I learn with my parents | 1 | 2 | 3 |

You can answer the following using dot points:

I am good at:

I believe I can improve in:

My favourite part of learning is:



STUDENT APPLICATION CONTINUED

In less than 100 words explain why you are applying for the High Achiever Program.

FOR THE INTERVIEW

Your interview will last approximately 15 minutes. During the interview we will ask you to present a piece of work of which you are proud. We will ask you:

- To explain what the task was
- To tell us how you planned your time to complete the task
- To explain what you learnt from the task
- To tell us why you are proud of your work

In addition we will ask you about your application and why you believe that the HAP program at Diamond Valley College will support your desire to achieve your best.

Thank-you for taking your time to put together an application for our High Achiever Program. We look forward to meeting you.



SUPPORTING PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

As a parent of a student applying for our High Achiever Program please complete the following form.

Please rate your child's enjoyment or ability in the following activities:

1. My child does not enjoy this / My child does not have this ability
2. My child enjoys this / My child has this ability
3. My child really enjoys this / My child has this ability to a high level

1. My child learnt to read early	1	2	3
2. My child learns mathematical concepts quickly	1	2	3
3. My child completes homework quickly	1	2	3
4. My child continues to work on problems he/she finds difficult	1	2	3
5. My child likes meeting new people	1	2	3
6. My child is curious	1	2	3
7. My child seeks extra knowledge about school work	1	2	3
8. My child takes care in the completion of school work	1	2	3
9. My child likes to know about current events	1	2	3
10. My child listens to other people's opinions	1	2	3
11. My child is curious about new technologies	1	2	3
12. My child reads for enjoyment	1	2	3
13. My child will ask for help if they don't understand a task	1	2	3
14. My child will perseverer on tasks they do not understand quickly	1	2	3
15. We discuss my child's learning as a family	1	2	3

You can answer the following using dot points:

My child is good at:

My child's area for improvement is:

My child's favourite part of learning is:



TEACHER REFERENCE FOR HIGH ACHIEVER PROGRAM AT DIAMOND VALLEY COLLEGE

The following student is applying for a position within our High Achiever Program. As their current Grade 6 teacher please complete the following form on behalf of the student named. Please return this form directly to **Justin Matt** at Diamond Valley College by **Friday 4th June 2021** (one week after the student's and parent's HAP application is due).

Justin Matt

High Achiever Program
Diamond Valley College
PO Box 643,
Diamond Creek, 3089.

Email: Justin.Matt@education.vic.gov.au

STUDENT NAME: _____

PRIMARY SCHOOL: _____

TEACHER NAME: _____

How long have you taught this student? _____

Please respond to the following statements about this students learning by circling the most appropriate number.

1. The student shows this characteristic to about the same degree as a typical student.
2. The student shows this characteristic more than a typical student
3. The student shows this characteristic to a very high degree

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Has advanced vocabulary and expresses him/herself clearly and fluently | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2. Thinks quickly and is able to process information easily | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 3. Wants to know how things work | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4. Is curious about the world around them | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 5. Is an avid reader | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 6. Has a good general knowledge | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 7. Is able to work independently in a sustained way | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 8. Shows initiative and originality, particularly in intellectual work | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 9. Has a varied range of interests | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 10. Takes part in a range of extra-curricular activities | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 11. Sets and achieves him/herself goals and has high expectations of self | 1 | 2 | 3 |

This student is good at:

A key area for improvement for this student is:

Please comment on this student's leadership and extra-curricular activities.

What leadership roles has this student held in the school?

What extra-curricular activities has this student been involved in?

Any other comments

TEACHER NAME : _____

TEACHER SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE** ____/____/2021