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Dear Parents,

Monivae College will again be offering a program for year 7 students starting 2021. The Learning, Enrichment and Extension Program (LEEP) has a particular focus on providing academic opportunities for Highly Able students.

The LEEP program at Monivae College will operate on the principles of curriculum enrichment and enhancement, and developing outstanding potential.

Enrichment/Extension: Students will be encouraged to study more complex and abstract concepts with greater emphasis on higher order thinking skills. Students will be actively encouraged to develop investigative, problem solving and creative thinking skills, which will challenge and engage and provide an excellent foundation for further studies.

Who is the program designed for?

This Program is not appropriate for all students. It will be both rewarding and daunting with high expectations and a greater classroom workload. It suits students who want and need to be challenged and who are stronger academically. The LEEP program requires students to “keep up with the pace” in all subjects.

It is important to note that opportunities exist within all classes for every student at Monivae to learn and thrive and LEEP is aimed at higher ability students.

Many studies argue the benefit for students undertaking an enrichment program, with them feeling a greater connection to school and having a positive sense of wellbeing.

The program structure

Students will be grouped together in their own Year 7 Homeroom and will remain together for their core subjects. Elective subjects will be in similar fashion to the other Year 7 Homerooms. The program will continue, in similar vein, into Years 8 and 9.

Students in LEEP will work on the same material as other students, only in greater depth. Students will receive instruction by the teacher matching in-depth activities with existing curriculum. Additionally, students will be provided an opportunity to work on independent study projects.

Student expectations

Placement in the program is a privilege, not a right, and students will be expected to make a genuine commitment. They will be expected to work hard, try their best at all times, actively seek help if they are experiencing difficulties and demonstrate cooperation and respect towards teachers and fellow students.

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Expectations in the LEEP program will inevitably be greater than the mainstream classes. However, it is the intention that homework expectations will be reasonable. It is also expected that students will participate in a range of further enrichment opportunities such as national competitions (i.e. Science, English, Mathematics, History and Indonesian competitions).

Continued academic performance and involvement in the College community is necessary for students to remain in the program. The progress of students will be monitored regularly and at the start of every year students will be required to re-apply for a position in the program. Consultation will occur between teachers, parents and students if there are any concerns as to whether the program best suits the needs of a particular student. They are able to return to the mainstream program if this is deemed desirable.

Selection for the program

4. Students who wish to enter the program must submit an application form (attached) by **Friday September 18 2020**.
5. In Term four all interested students will be invited to sit for a number of High Ability selection tests. This will be scheduled at Monivae College.
6. In all cases we will request students and parents attend an interview.

All this information will be used to help select the students we believe will be equipped to cope with and benefit from the LEEP program.

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