

Extension Studies at Scotch College

Senior School (Years 7-12)

*Extension Studies, operating as part of the Senior School Centre for Learning (CFL), is a program dedicated to supporting the unique learning needs of students who have high ability and high motivation. The program seeks to help students find pathways to **identify, develop** and **release** their talent for personal fulfilment, and for positive social contribution.*

PROVISIONS

Provisions are made for Senior School (Years 7-12) students based on learning needs, talent and interest. Provisions include:

- co-curricular activities
- Challenge classes
- individualised provisions
- faculty-based opportunities
- curriculum differentiation and support

VALUES

The program seeks to foster development of 21st Century skills:

- wisdom
- curiosity
- collaboration
- humility
- grit
- resilience
- growth mindset
- problem solving
- leadership
- compassion
- critical thinking
- creative thinking

IDENTIFICATION

Identification of learning needs is through a variety of means, including self nomination, teacher nomination and individual referral. A range of formal and informal data measures are used to support the identification of students who may benefit from Extension Studies provisions, and to monitor the ongoing benefits of, engagement with, and enjoyment of, the various opportunities on offer.



EXTENSION STUDIES (CO-CURRICULAR) OPPORTUNITIES

Students have the opportunity to participate in the following activities, with more activities on offer throughout each year as they become available. Extension Studies opportunities are carefully selected and curated to help meet the learning needs of gifted students, as they:

- are rigorous and challenging
- give students exposure to deep and complex ideas
- address issues of global significance
- require students to grow in their skills and capacities
- provide students with opportunities to engage with, and learn from, like minds within and beyond Scotch College.

Students, staff and parents can also make suggestions about opportunities that could be included in the program. Participation is predominately through student self-nomination, however a very small number of opportunities require audition or performance standards.

LEADERSHIP



Extension Studies Prefects Extension Studies Committee

- Leadership training
- Led by Extension Studies Prefects
- Regular committee meetings
- Newsletter production
- Events: Expo, parent night
- Advocacy for Extension Studies and student interest/need

ADVOCACY

Human Rights

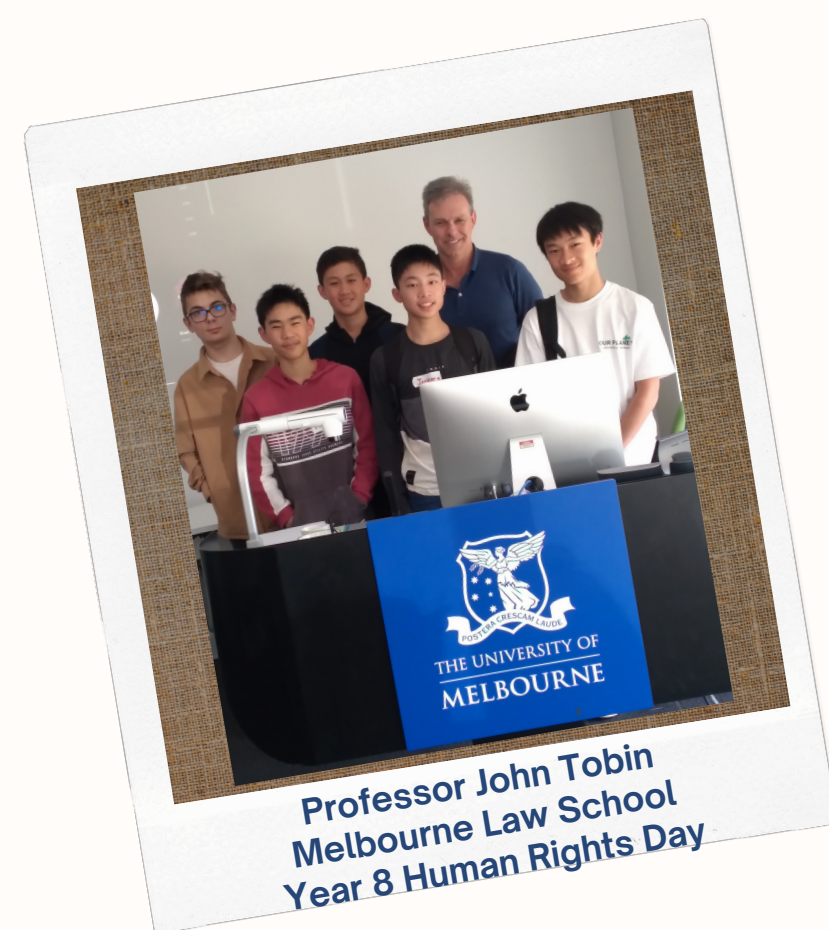
- Melbourne Law School Day
- Human Rights Commissioner visit
- Human Rights Game session

Model United Nations

- Model UN conferences
- Evatt Cup

Legal Advocacy

- Bond High School Mooting Competition
- Scotch Interschool Friendly Moot



CHESS

Training

- Weekly online coaching
- Student-led club

Tournaments

- Scotch Friendly
- Regional
- State
- National

PHILOSOPHY

Ethics Olympiad

- Middle School
- Senior School

Thriving Minds Conferences

PIPS (Philosophy in Public Spaces) Philosophy Discussion Group

LINGUISTICS

OzCLO (Computational Linguistics)

Training

- Linguistics theory
- Guided practice papers

Competition Rounds

- Regional
- State
- National

GLOBAL ISSUES + POLITICS

Global Issues

- Future Problem Solving
- Model UN
- Evatt

Politics

- National Schools' Parliamentary Convention
- Victorian State Parliamentary Program

COMMUNICATION

Debating

- ANVDC (national virtual debating)
- DAV: A-D Grade
- DAV: Year 8 Challenge
- British Parliamentary
- Monash Asian Studies
- Deakin Law School
- Fintona Economics

Public Speaking

- World/Australian Individual Debating and Public Speaking (W/AIDPSC)

SCIENCE + DESIGN

Design

- BrainSTEM Innovation Challenge with expert mentoring

Science

- Cancer Masterclasses
- Tall Poppy Scientist presentations

HISTORY + GEOGRAPHY

History

- History Bee and Bowl
- Historical Fiction Writing
- Foreman Essay

Geography

- Geography Bee

