

18 July 2017

Assalamu alaikum Parents/Guardians

HAST & HAST-P TESTING FOR ATC SEEP STUDENTS

This year Al-Taqwa College will be using the Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST) Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) Test to assess and place students in its 2018 SEEP program for students in years 6-10. The HAST program has been devised by ACER as a screening process to assist schools in identifying students for participation in gifted and talented programs.

While that HAST will be used to assess and place junior and middle secondary students in the ATC Secondary SEEP Program, the HAST-P Test will help us assess and place upper primary level students (Year 6 2018) in the ATC Primary SEEP Program. Both tests will help the school determine which students are working at a higher level than their peers in the areas of: Mathematical Reasoning (secondary/primary), Reading Comprehension (secondary/primary), Writing (secondary/primary) and Science (secondary only).

If you have received this letter, this means that your child is an existing SEEP student in 2017 or your child has been nominated by their 2017 mainstream teacher as a potential high achiever to enter the ATC secondary or primary SEEP Program in 2018.

If your child is an existing secondary or primary ATC SEEP student, he/she will need to sit the relevant HAST Test as a screening process to make them eligible to continue in the ATC 2018 SEEP. If your child was nominated by their mainstream teacher, he/she will also need to sit the relevant HAST Test to determine his/her eligibility for entry into ATC SEEP 2018.

Please note final decisions regarding student entry to the Program will be made by a panel with the HAST test forming one of the main screening guides for eligibility. Students sitting HAST Tests may also be eligible for an ATC scholarship with the decision to be determined by a panel.

This Test does not apply to students entering ATC SEEP in Years 3-5 2018. Internal screening tests will be held for SEEP candidates in those year levels by our SEEP Coordinators.

ATC HAST and HAST-P Testing will take place at Al-Taqwa College on **Saturday 26 August 2017**. To register, kindly complete your child's details on the attached registration form and lodge this with your \$70 payment with the College Accounts Department. **Ensure you register your child for the relevant test by 4 August**. Further information regarding this process can be found on the Al-Taqwa College school website.

Kind regards

ATC SEEP Coordinators

Omar Hallak
Principal

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SEEP 2018 TEST REGISTRATION

My child currently in Year 2017, is seeking to register for HAST Testing for the SEEP program 2018 intake. The test will be conducted Saturday 26 August 2017 at Al-Taqwa College.

Registration fee of \$70.00 is payable upon lodgment of this registration form by **4 August 2017**, to be eligible for consideration for the SEEP program 2018 intake.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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