HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL
ADVICE FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO UNDERTAKE EXTENSION CLASSES IN ENGLISH & MATHEMATICS

English Extension 1 and 2

Extension 1 in Preliminary (Year 11) and to continue at HSC (Year 12)
- Students would have achieved results which placed them in at least the top 20% of the cohort in previous years (and Year 10), for example, with marks consistently well above average.
- Students should be widely read and be prepared to continue reading throughout Preliminary and HSC.
- Students should be able to demonstrate involvement in writing competitions and be able to produce samples of work on request.
- Students should be able to provide evidence of control in both creative and analytical composing in examinations and for pleasure.
- Students will have demonstrated an excellent work ethic.
- Students would need to be recommended by a teacher as a suitable candidate whenever possible.
- Students should find English enjoyable not a compulsory chore!

Extension 2 in HSC (Year 12)
- Students wishing to undertake Extension 2 for HSC are expected to be in the top 20% of both Advanced and Extension 1 at the Year 11 Examination.
- Students are required to submit a portfolio of work and an original story of their own written in Term 3 of the Preliminary course if they wish to be considered for the course. Students would identify themselves as top English students and require the recommendation of their Advanced and Ext 1 teachers.
- Students need to be self regulated, self motivated and have already undertaken successful composition in their chosen medium.

Mathematics Advanced and Mathematics Extension 1

Mathematics Advanced – 2 Unit (Year 11)
Students choosing Advanced Mathematics (2 Unit) will need to have demonstrated the necessary work ethic required to succeed at this level of Mathematics:
- In the 2012 Year 10 Mathematics exams, only students achieving over 60% will be considered to study Advanced Mathematics the following year, in Year 11. Students achieving marks between 50% and 60% will be considered on a case by case basis, and if admitted to the course will be “on probation”.
- Students studying Advanced Mathematics in Year 11 during 2015 will be expected to achieve a suitable level of achievement in all assessment tasks, i.e. achieving 65% or over. Students who fail to achieve this standard in any Year 11 assessment task will be placed “on probation”.
- Students on probation who fail to achieve the required standard at the next assessment task will be required to continue their study in the Mathematics General course, rather than Advanced Mathematics.

Mathematics Extension 1 in Preliminary (Year 11)
Mathematics Extension 1 is a challenging course due to the complexity of the content and the pace at which the content needs to be delivered. On past experience, not all students completing the year 10 5.3 Mathematics course (called Pathway 1) will be suitable candidates to study this demanding level of Mathematics. Those selected will be required to be spending a minimum of one hour study per day on Mathematics, along with the demands of their other subjects.
Students choosing Extension 1 will need to have demonstrated the necessary work ethic and focus required to succeed at this difficult and challenging level of Mathematics:
- In the 2012 Year 10 Mathematics exams, only students achieving over 70% will be considered to study Mathematics Extension 1 the following year, in Year 11. Students achieving marks between 60% and 70% will be considered on a case by case basis, and if admitted to the course will be “on probation”.
- Students studying Mathematics Extension 1 in Year 11 during 2015 will be expected to maintain a suitable level of achievement in all assessment tasks, i.e. achieving 75% or over. Students who fail to achieve this standard in any Year 11 assessment task will be placed “on probation”.
- Students on probation who fail to achieve the required standard at the next assessment task will be required to continue their study in the Advanced Mathematics or Mathematics General courses, rather than Mathematics Extension 1.