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Dear Parents and Parent Liaisons,

RE: ASPIRE Program

The AGS 3-6 **ASPIRE program** is for our Highly Able Years 3-6 Primary students who have demonstrated a keen sense of curiosity and an ability to work independently. The ASPIRE Program uses an **Inquiry Model** of Learning and draws on the principles of Project Based Learning.

Students need to have:

- A natural sense of curiosity
- A high ability to work independently
- A high level of commitment to classroom programs and homework
- A willingness to catch up on classroom work missed during the ASPIRE sessions
- A high level of focus and persistence
- A consistent ability to complete classroom work, including ASPIRE to a high standard

Student's continued participation in the program will be dependent on them meeting the above standards. The ASPIRE co-ordinator will meet regularly with classroom teachers throughout the year to ensure that students are managing the increased demands that come with being in the ASPIRE program. Students may be asked to temporarily leave the program if their work or behaviour falls below expectations.

Please note that entry into **ASPIRE Program for Year levels 3-6**, will be conditional on results achieved in standardised tests in English and Mathematics and students will be expected to score in the above average range in order to secure a place in the program. In addition, students will be expected to be achieving a high standard in all class and homework tasks.

If you would like more information, please email Mrs Downey ddo@ags.vic.edu.au or contact your child's class teacher.

The ASPIRE program for 2024 will commence Week 4 of Term 1. Students that have been identified by their class teacher as being suitable for the program and who meet the entry requirements will be contacted prior to ASPIRE classes commencing.

Details about the **Junior ASPIRE Program** will be sent home shortly.

Yours Sincerely,



Dianne Downey
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ASPIRE Coordinator