

AXON FAQ Frequently Asked Questions:

Does Axon follow the VELS, Australian standards and Teaching methodologies?

Axon follows the frameworks set out under the VELS levels approved by the Australian and Victorian education departments.

Does the Education department approve of Axon?

Axon remains the only study program that has the approval of both the State and Federal education departments. This approval is specifically as a result of the processes being taught and the adherence to Australian standards.

Does Axon teach the students or do they self teach through worksheets?

Axon uses every method available to assist the student. Students gain benefit from the combination of “one to one” tuition, repetition where needed, computer based delivery and assessment and textbook practice. Unlike any other system, Axon adjusts to the needs of the individual and gives what they need, when they need it.

How can students learn from a computer?

Students wear headphones at Axon because the computer explains and instructs at every stage throughout a student's work. Within a classroom or in other group tutoring systems, a student must wait for the work to be corrected before they know if they have correctly answered the question. Often their work is not returned to them or simply marked as right or wrong. At Axon, as soon as an error is made, the computer explains step by step the process needed to answer the question correctly. However, this is only half the advantage. Every question answered, adds to a database of knowledge for the teacher about the student and the way they learn. Details as to how the student attempted the question as well as whether they got it correct is recorded to allow the teacher to set additional practice or “one to one” explanation for the student. The record also allows the teacher to re-present work that students have a problem with, as a test or for additional practice prior to a school test or exam.

Do students get help when they need it?

Students have only to raise their hand and the teacher will assist them through their problems. If the teacher is tied up with another student at the time, the computer will assist but the system will record that the student had a problem so that the teacher can go back and review the problem with the student when free. There is simply no way to slip through the gaps at Axon.

Is the work relevant to their schoolwork?

Yes. Axon work focuses specifically on the curriculum taught in Australian schools. Axon also teaches the methods and to the standards required to meet the standards framework. In addition, students are encouraged to ask questions about the work they are facing at school, so that Axon can directly assist with the problems they face.

Does Axon take students back to basics?

Absolutely! However unlike other systems this is done after establishing the student's level in all areas. We do not take students back unnecessarily or across all strands if their level is only down in specific areas. Too often a student's difficulties lie in having missed some elements of the basic areas, and they do need to go back to those areas in order to learn them. They do NOT need to be taken back well below their curriculum level in all areas when their problems lie in only one or two. At Axon a student is not enrolled in Maths or English as if they are single elements. They are enrolled in over 25 strands within each of those areas. Often a student may be ahead in one while behind in another. Axon understands this and addresses the individual need of every student.

Does Axon cover the full curriculum?

Axon remains the ONLY program that covers the full curriculum. Some other programs have tried to introduce extra textbooks or add-ons to meet the shortcomings of their system. They fail in the fact that they are not intrinsic elements nor are they encompassed within their testing regime. Axon has an entire curriculum as the base of its program. All strands and all aspects of the curriculum are covered from the pure to the applied and from the written to the imaginative.

Are parents informed of the students' progress?

Axon offers the most detailed of reports to parents. Other programs state that a student is operating at level "F" within their system or perhaps state that the student is operating above or below curriculum level. All of that is irrelevant. Axon tells parents, not only what actual Grade level the student is operating at within the school system but also the individual grade level by individual strand within the enrolled subjects. For example a student may be operating at grade 4.4 (Grade 4 and 4 months) in Mathematics. Their levels by strand could indicate that they are operating at 5.2 in addition, 4.9 in subtraction, and 3.2 in multiplication. Averaged out over the 25 strands this might give a student an average of 4.4 but clearly they have a problem in Multiplication. As such multiplication becomes a greater focus and the teacher is aware of the student's individual need. On request, after the initial 3 months, Parents may ask for a report, which is usually ready the following session. After the initial assessment a parent can get a report as often as they wish.

In the lead up to a test, can students work on specific areas?

Yes. If a student is aware of an upcoming test they are welcome to work through those areas within class time. It is requested that students advise the teacher as early as possible so that if necessary specific worksheets or lessons can be prepared for them.

Does Axon teach applied areas and problem solving?

This is probably one of the most common questions as so few organisations address these important areas. Axon covers all areas of Mathematics. Everything from worded problems through to area, volume, currency, time and consumer arithmetic are covered

Can Axon help with story and essay writing?

Axon teaches students the correct format for writing tasks along with teaching style and grammar. Students are given written tasks (not on the computer) focussing in on story elements and character development. In essays students are taught argumentative and analytical techniques as well as how to debate issues both in written and oral form.

Does Axon operate by school term?

No, Axon operates on a monthly basis with fees payable from the first of each month. Axon operates throughout the school holidays and curriculum days.

What happens if my child is unable to attend a class?

As long as you have informed the centre no later than lunchtime on the day of class, a student can do a makeup class at a time of convenience over the next 2 weeks. If the centre hasn't been informed the class is forfeited, as another student can be allocated the timeslot if we are informed early enough.

Can I suspend or leave Axon at any time?

Yes. Students can stop at any time, though it is asked that a minimum of 2 weeks notice is given in order that work is not pre-prepared and wasted or that students are not turned away from what is believed to be a timeslot that is occupied. Students may also return or change to a different centre location, at any stage, without the need to pay a re-enrolment fee. Axon does not have lock in contracts. You stay as long as you are happy; however we are aware that at times circumstances or family needs may require a student to stop permanently or for a period of time.

Can a student change subjects or take on an additional subject?

Students can change subject without additional cost or a changeover fee at any time. To take on an additional subject is only a matter of talking to the teacher and arranging a suitable timeslot. No additional enrolment fee is charged for taking on a second subject.

Can a student do one week of English then the next week Maths and alternate?

No. To gain the benefit from the Axon programs, students need to be consistent in their work. While many students take on both Maths and English, and many others swap from one to the other during the course of the year, the full benefits are only gained through a consistent approach.

Can parents come to the centre to discuss their child progress?

At any time an appointment can be made to have a chat about a students levels or any other difficulty. As Axon operates throughout the week it is asked that an appointment is made rather than at the time a student attends. This will allow the teacher to give the maximum attention to the children during class times.

What does Axon mean?

Axon is a neural pathway. It is the pathway for the transmission of information within the human body.

Where does Axon come from?

Axon centres are wholly Australian owned and operated. The program is a composite of elements used in over 26 countries throughout the world. Each country adopts elements specifically relevant to their language and culture. The systems are country specific and link to educational frameworks. Australian spelling, grammar, currency, measurement, story elements and even books by Australian authors are intrinsic elements of the system. Australian teachers contribute directly to the format and the provision of the curriculum elements adopted by Axon.

Where are the Axon centres?

Axon operates from 3 locations at present. New locations are being looked at and will be developed over coming months. Franchises are now available for exclusive areas.

Axon has its head office and Hawthorn Education centre at:

The University of Melbourne Hawthorn Campus, 442 Auburn Rd, Hawthorn 3122

Phone (03)98103211

The ***Doncaster East Centre*** is located at:

Doncaster East Village (Devon Plaza) Shop 14/958 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster East 3109

Phone (03)9841 0088

The ***Pascoe Vale South centre*** is located at:

82 Melville Rd, Pascoe Vale South 3044

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