

The Maitland High School High Potential and Gifted Education Policy (HPGE)

This policy acknowledges our commitment to high quality educational outcomes for all high potential, and gifted learners.

The HPGE program serves an identified community need, that of challenging talented students in a local setting. In addition, it provides an extra dimension to our commitment to providing every student with an excellent academic, cultural, social, and physical education.

In 2023 we are excited to be launching our inaugural HPGE class.

The objectives of the class are to:

- Create a core group of high potential and gifted students at Maitland High School. The group would be globally gifted but having specific strengths and talents in numeracy, literacy and problem-solving
- Provide for the natural progression of these students through the high school setting. Some of these students will have already been recognised and catered for in local primary schools and our program would complement developments in several intellectual areas
- Provide educational opportunities that enrich and extend high potential and gifted students, fostering a lifelong love of learning. This is based on Gagne's *Differentiated Model of Giftedness and Talent* which proposes that 'the child progresses from giftedness (high potential) to talent (high performance) through the learning process, assisted by intra-personal and environmental factors. In other words, gifts are innate abilities and talents are systematically developed skills

These classes provide a range of enrichment and extension activities designed to deepen students' knowledge, understanding and skills. These activities are evaluated each year and may change depending on the needs of the students.

Application process

All students within zone will be eligible to apply for the HPGE class. Nominations can be either through classroom teachers, parents, or a student can nominate themselves.

Students' parents/ carers must complete an expression of interest form which can be found on the school's website > Learning at our school>HPGE. You will then be sent a transition package with further information about the application process.

If you require any more information about this new program, please contact:

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