



2018

Gifted & Talented

Program

*'Tamworth High School is an inclusive centre of innovation,
creativity and excellence'.*

Stage 4 Gifted and Talented Classes

In Stage 4 our Gifted and Talented classes have a reduced number of teachers. This enables the class to work on cross-curricular activities, discover links between their subjects and to explore these in depth. This core teacher includes RICH tasks within the specialised curriculum.

Most notable is the focus on Project-Based Learning. This is when students use the content and skills they have acquired in each subject to develop a greater depth of understanding of concepts, a broader knowledge base, improved communication and inter-personal/social skills, enhanced leadership skills, increased creativity and improved writing skills through exploration of topics of interest.

Students in Stage 4 study English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, PDHPE, Technology and Applied Studies, Languages and Sport.

The Gifted and Talented class has a focus on Creative and Performing Arts. This includes some or all of the following:

- Debating and public speaking
- Visual Arts and design
- Music-choir & learning a musical instrument
- Dance , drama and performance
- Leadership

The focus on a Middle School model in Stage 4 allows students to progress from their primary schooling to the course specialisation of Stage 5 with greater guidance and attention.



Stage 5 Gifted & Talented Classes

Our Stage 5 Gifted and Talented classes commenced in 2016. The classes are known as 9.1 and 10.1. These classes will have specialist subject teachers for:

English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and PDHPE.

Students will also select three electives from a wide range of options including:

- Wood, Food and Metal Technologies
- Physical Activity and Sports Science
- Photo & Digital Media
- Information & Software Technology
- Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts
- Agricultural Technology

Stage 5 teachers have training and experience in delivery of courses to Gifted and Talented Learners. They also utilise technologies including iPads, laptops and Electronic Whiteboards to enrich and extend students to higher academic levels.

Students will experience a broad range of co-curricular activities including participation in academic competitions, performances and community events.



Identification & Placement

We believe that selective tests do not identify true Gifted and Talented students. Rather, we adopt the Nomination Process.

This involves students, their parents and primary teacher or principal identifying students whom they believe to be gifted and giving reasons why a Gifted and Talented class would best meet their needs.

We adopt the identification measures advocated by Joseph Renzulli at the University of Connecticut, of “above average ability, high level of task commitment and creativity”.

All applications to our Gifted and Talented classes are reviewed by the Tamworth High School Enrolment and Placement Committee, Head Teacher Gifted and Talented Program and the teacher of the Year 7 GAT Class.

To access an nomination form or for further information, please contact Ms Karen Veness, Head Teacher Gifted and Talented Program, at the school on 02 67657888 or via email at karen.veness@det.nsw.edu.au.

