



# Program for Gifted and Talented Students

**GRC Oatley provides a multifaceted program based on the perceived needs of the gifted and talented, catering for both individual students and the group as a whole.**

Students are invited to participate in the Gifted and Talented program through an identification process based on:

- Standardised tests
- School assessment
- Teacher Nomination
- Parent/student Nomination
- Application (Platinum Class)

## School Based Program

Through the unique tutorial program, our gifted and talented students will experience a range of activities, designed to address the challenges encountered by gifted students in a new senior school environment:

- Develop better interpersonal interactions
- Affirm students' abilities and encourage their talents
- Introduce motivation strategies
- Emphasise stress and coping strategies
- Overview of assessment preparation
- Explore the importance of resilience and self esteem
- Foster leadership, collaboration and diversity
- Encourage connectedness

## Curriculum

At GRC Oatley, we offer our students the broadest curriculum in the State with 78 courses onsite. Students can access more TVET courses offsite, more languages through the NSW School of Languages and Saturday School of Community Languages. Every student is given the best opportunity to study the subjects which suit their interest, ability and future career goals.

We offer the full range of extension courses in Languages, Music, Ancient and Modern History, English and Mathematics, including Double Extension courses in both Mathematics and English. We also offer extension master classes across a number of other subjects

The study opportunities, the facilities and the more adult ethos help students' better bridge the gap between school, tertiary study and training.

## Platinum Class Program

This is a program for students who have been identified as showing high academic aptitude and who have high academic aspirations.



GRC Oatley recognises that highly capable students have particular learning requirements and expectations that need to be nurtured to ensure they are extended beyond the confine of the curriculum. The establishment of a Platinum Class Program can better cater for these students in that it will provide a supportive learning environment and a more challenging curriculum delivery that will enrich and extend the students' learning.

### **Co Curricular Program**

There is a full co curricular program, including college and school bands, competition sports, State Titration Competition with success at regional, State and National levels, drama and creative and other performing arts, university, state and national competitions in an array of subject areas.

### **Conferences and Seminars**

Students are given the opportunity to participate in the many seminars that are held across the state, some of these are:

- National Young Leaders Day
- Leadership by the River
- Secondary Schools Leadership Program
- Enhanced Learning Educational Services - study skills specialists

### **Public Speaking and Debating**

GRC Oatley promotes communication and leadership for gifted students by

- Participation in debating workshops
- Premier's Debating Challenge for Year 11
- The Plain English Speaking Award (the only comprehensive school to make the final)
- Success at zone and regional levels

### **Development Opportunities**

Through its strong links with a range of educational and corporate organisations, GRC Oatley is able to offer our gifted and talented students many opportunities to participate in a range of programs including:

#### **University of Wollongong Discovery Day**

This program provides an opportunity for our gifted and talented students to participate in a wide range of exclusive activities, events, master classes, special information sessions and workshops. In addition, we have access to a dedicated information and enquiry service allowing staff and students to engage with UOW on a personal level.

Our students have also been able to participate in:

- University of Wollongong Elevate Leadership Conference
- UBS finance Academy
- L'Oreal Girls in Science Forum (through UNSW)
- Yunus Social Business Hub (through UNSW)
- Western Sydney University Young Entrepreneurs Business Skills Day
- Co-Op Scholarships workshops

[www.network.unsw.edu.au](http://www.network.unsw.edu.au)

### Graduate Destinations

Approximately 80% of students who were eligible for an ATAR were successful in gaining a place in the course of their choice at university. The average ATAR of our gifted students is the same as the local selective high schools. Our gifted students regularly achieve the highest ATAR possible (99.50) and are placed on the NSW Premier's Honours List and the HSC Distinguished Achievers List.

### ATAR Eligible Students

