



## Program for High Potential and Gifted Students

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

GRC Oatley recognises that highly capable students have unique learning requirements and expectations that need to be nurtured to ensure they are extended beyond the confines of the curriculum. As a senior campus, it is important that we ensure:

- All students, regardless of background or personal circumstances, require access to learning programs that meet their learning needs and support them in achieving personal excellence.
- Our commitment to high expectations for all students extends to high potential and gifted students.
- Achieving excellence for high potential and gifted students is underpinned by effective school environments, including quality teaching, learning and leadership.
- Potential exists along a continuum, requiring differing approaches and levels of adjustment and intervention.
- All staff have received professional development in tailoring the curriculum to provide a supportive learning environment that enriches and extends students' learning. Specifically, staff members have actively participated in workshops focusing on identifying and supporting High Potential and Gifted students, as well as analysing teaching programs to create challenging learning opportunities suitable for each student's abilities.

This approach has fostered a culture of excellence, encouraging students to actively seek out challenges in their learning journeys. Both qualitative and quantitative data demonstrate the effectiveness of our High Potential and Gifted Education approach through its impact on students' outstanding achievements.

### 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 enrichment programs 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.

### 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
- Beyond the Gates - subject specific enrichment programs

### 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 HPG 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, 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
- University of Wollongong United Nations Sustainable Development Goals - South Western Sydney Schools Competition
- Western Sydney University Young Entrepreneurs Business Skills Day
- Co-Op Scholarships workshops

### Graduate Destinations

Approximately 75% 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 close to the highest ATAR possible (99.50) and are placed on the NSW Premier's Honours List and the HSC Distinguished Achievers List.

### 'Beyond the Gates'

Beyond the Gates is a program that partially subsidises a range of excursions and incursions that supports the enrichment of High Potential and Gifted learners at GRC Oatley. Students are nominated by their teachers for involvement in a variety of initiatives (such as those proposed above), based not only on academic results but engagement and enthusiasm in the relevant content of the excursion/incursion. This program extends students learning outside the classroom and provide students with learning opportunities that enhance their normal study pattern, providing real world experiences that will guide and support students direction post school and enrich their learning experiences whilst at GRC Oatley.

## ATAR Eligible Students

