



ET Australia Secondary College's
**Gifted and
Talented Program**

Developing Students' Skills in a Real World Context.

Our Goal

ET Australia Secondary College's (ETASC's) Gifted and Talented Program aims to develop students' skills in a real-world context.

This advances their problem-solving, creative and critical thinking capabilities, and the ability to transfer their knowledge and skills across curriculum areas.

With direction and support, students follow a diverse program of enrichment opportunities that accommodate individual learning needs to develop their natural academic ability.

ETASC's Gifted and Talented Student Journey



1
Patterns of higher ability in students' results are identified through ETASC's data analysis and teacher observation.

2
Students are observed and monitored by the Gifted and Talented teacher to establish areas of strength.

3
Students and parents/carers are advised of potential talents and students are invited to join and participate in ETASC's Gifted and Talented program.

4
Action is taken to challenge students with extension programs designed to address their educational needs.



Being able to enter competitions and see how my creative writing stacks up against other students across the country gives me an understanding of the level I need to get to, to be the best.

Montana, Year 9

Even though I'm only in Year 8, I really like how I'm allowed to start looking at Year 9 and 10 class work. It feels like it won't be such a shock when I start looking at Year 9 and 10 Maths problems in the next few years.

Darcy, Year 8

What Type of Student is This Program For?

The Gifted and Talented program is designed for students who demonstrate the capacity to learn at faster rates, solve problems, make connections to and manipulate abstract ideas.

Students can be gifted and/or talented in one or more of the following domains:

- Intellectual/Academic
- Creative
- Sport
- Leadership

The ideal student for ETASC's Gifted and Talented program is highly curious, an abstract thinker and an independent learner. They are a student who would benefit from ability grouping, as well as extension and enrichment activities.

What Do Students Learn?

Gifted and Talented students have the opportunity to focus their abilities in one, or many of the following learning areas:

- English Ability Groups
- Mathematics Ability Groups
- Creative Writing Groups
- Project Based Learning
- Key Learning Area (KLA) Extension Classes
- In class consolidation
- Excursion Opportunities
- Masterclasses

Documenting Student Progression

Gifted and Talented students are supported by documenting their growth so that characteristics of their capabilities can be identified.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Classroom observation by teachers
- Parent/carer questionnaire on their child's progress in the home
- Pre and post assessment reviews
- Creating learning goals using the SMART goal methodology (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely)

Student and Parent/ Carer Support

Students who are a part of ETASC's Gifted and Talented Program are supported by:

- Gifted and Talented teachers
- Their fellow students through student-led workshops, study groups, peer-to-peer learning partnerships, and group work

Parents/carers are provided with updates on their child's progress throughout the program and are given a formal half yearly update of their child's performance via end of semester school reports.

Testing a Student's Abilities

ETASC Gifted and Talented students are not only tested during standard in class assessments but are challenged to assess their abilities by entering state, national and international competitions with the support of their Gifted and Talented teacher.

These competitions include:

Science/ Technology/ Engineering:

- Australian Mathematics Competition
- Maths Challenge
- Maths Enrichment
- Big Science Competition
- Science Olympiad
- Brain Bee
- Engineering Challenge
- Tax, Super and You Competition

English/ Human Society and its Environment/ Creative Arts:

- Somerset Storyfest
- Somerset National Poetry Prize
- Premier's Reading Challenge
- Write4Fun
- Various Photography Competitions
- Central Coast Council Youth Art Project
- National History Challenge

Leadership:

- The IGNITE Business Launchpad
- Videos for Change
- Heywire ABC



**Want to know more about our Gifted and Talented Program?
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