

# HIGH POTENTIAL & GIFTED EDUCATION

*The Department of Education and Communities has an extensive policy regarding the implementation of High Potential and Gifted Education Programs within schools.*

*School communities have the responsibility to:*

- *Develop effective and equitable procedures for identifying HPGE students*
- *Implement developmentally appropriate programs for HPGE students*
- *To foster collaborative home-school partnerships to support HPGE students*

*Teachers have the responsibility to:*

- *Select and implement a variety of teaching strategies for inclusion in programs for the range of high potential and gifted students in their classes*

At The Ponds High School we have dedicated HPGE classes for each year group as well as differentiated learning in every classroom, ensuring targeted teaching and learning activities are implemented to nurture the development of HPGE students.

In addition, The Ponds High School also offers a growing range of HPGE activities within the school, including:

- *A wide variety of extra-curricular activities and clubs*
- *Opportunities to participate in academic competitions*
- *Public Speaking and Debating*
- *Participation in Project Based Learning*
- *STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) opportunities*
- *Professional learning for staff in the use of High Potential and Gifted Education strategies through GERRIC (Gifted and Talented Research Resource and Information Centre)*
- *HPGE student workshops focusing on problem solving and enrichment activities*
- *Specialised Programs for year 7 and 8 including the Discovery Project and Genius Hour*



## Application Process for the Year 7 HPGE Class at The Ponds High School

- All students will be eligible to apply for the class – Application forms can be found on the school website under the ‘Learning at our School’ tab & then click on the ‘High Potential and Gifted Education’ tab or a paper copy can be obtained from the front office from 17 February, 2021.  
**The application forms are due to the front office with payment by 15 March, 2021.**
- The class will be primarily determined through achievement in the domains of literacy and numeracy
- The placement panel will consider a range of data including:
  - The Ponds High School HPGE test results
  - Latest primary school report
  - Participation in external competitions
  - School enrichment programs
  - Previous leadership experience
  - Parental comment
  - Student comment

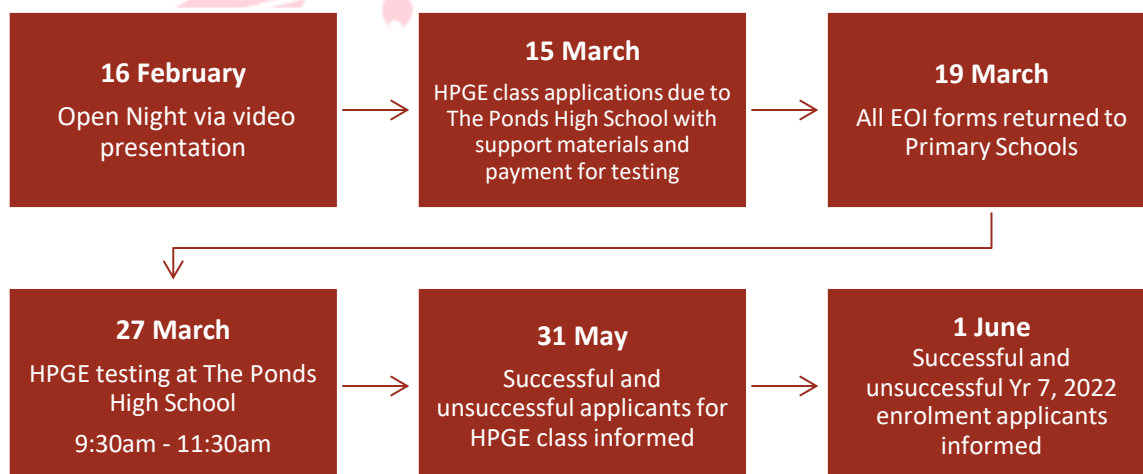
*Students will remain in a core class for English, Mathematics, Science, HSIE, PDHPE and LOTE.*

### About the Test

The test targets literacy and numeracy skills of students and includes problem solving activities and an extended writing task. The test is generated, administered and marked externally. The cost of this test is \$50 per student. The HPGE application can be downloaded from The Ponds High School website – go to ‘Learning at our school’ then click on ‘High Potential & Gifted Education’ tab.

The test will take place at The Ponds High School on Saturday, 27 March 2021 from 9:30am – 11:30am.

### Timeline:



### HPGE Scholarships

The top two performing students in The Ponds High School Literacy and Numeracy Test will receive a scholarship. Included in the scholarship are the school fees for the year, entry into the ICAS tests, HOTMATHS pack and school calculator.

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