

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***
- ***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 Tournament of the Minds*
- *InnovateX – design thinking program*



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

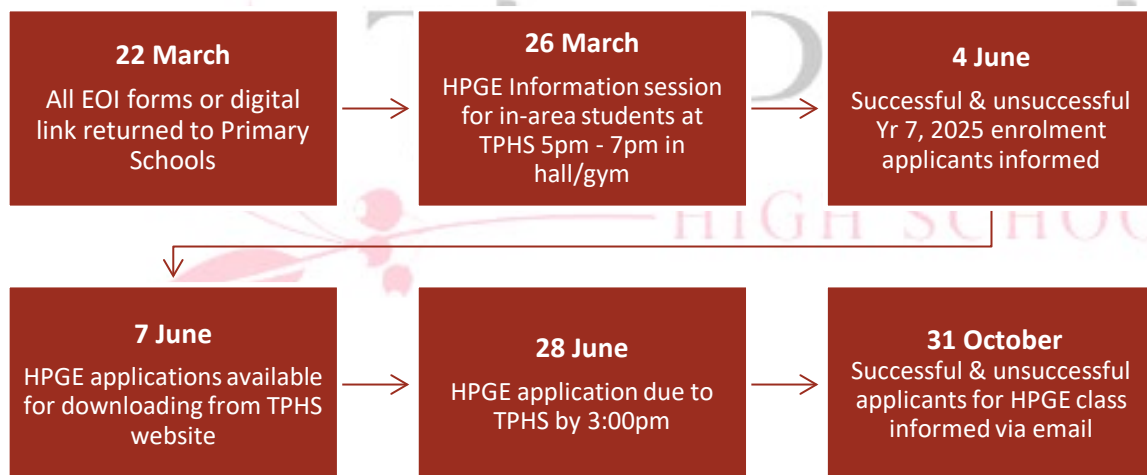
- All in-area students will be eligible to apply for the class. Application forms can be downloaded from 7 June 2024 via our school website under the 'Learning at our School' tab & then click on the 'High Potential and Gifted Education' tab.

The application forms are due to the front office by 3:00pm on 28 June 2024.

- 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:
 - Semester 2, 2023 Year 5 primary school report
 - Year 5 NAPLAN 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.

Timeline:



HPGE Scholarships

The top two performing students as determined by the HPGE panel 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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