East Hills Girls Technology High School

Gifted And Talented program 2015

A program for Gifted and Talented Students
Year 7 - 10 Gifted And Talented Program 2015
A class for gifted and talented students

Information for 2015

What is the Gifted And Talented (GAT) Program at our school?

East Hills Girls Technology High School provides academic and co-curricular programs to challenge all students to realise their full potential. These programs aim to enrich and challenge all students. Some students will participate in extension programs while other students may accelerate. This enables the gifts and talents of students to be nurtured and developed. The school is committed to developing and resourcing programs for gifted and talented students.

Students are identified as GAT during the transition from primary to high school. The enrolment information includes a GAT parent and student identification form. In Year 7 students complete the ACER General Ability Test, which is a strong indicator of giftedness and talent. Teachers can also nominate students.

The GAT program offers a rich, challenging and stimulating learning environment, designed to generate enthusiasm for learning and for students to develop their own unique skills and talents. GAT students from years 7-10, will meet regularly during period 0 lessons. During these lessons students complete a challenge based learning task and will be competing against other schools both public and private.

To ensure that this is an integrated approach to the GAT program, each faculty has an appointed GAT coordinator. These coordinators ensure that all teaching and learning programs within the faculty have been differentiated to provide students with challenging and enriching learning experiences.

What is GAT?

The NSW Department of Education and Communities Policy defines giftedness as referring to potential distinctly beyond the student’s age and encompasses a broad range of abilities in the intellectual, creative, socio-emotional and physical domains. Talent denotes achievement distinctly beyond average for a student’s age as a result of application to training and practice.

Our Year 7-10 GAT class is designed for gifted and talented students whose potential is identified in one or more areas.

What is unique about our GAT program?

- The students will be involved in a challenge based learning task that will engage and challenge the student to find a solution and provide a product to a complex question.
- The student will be engaged in an enriched curriculum where they will be challenged and offered opportunities for acceleration.
Unique to their learning program, every student in Year 8 will also participate in a cross-curricular program, allowing enrichment or extension of learning.

Students will showcase their learning achievements to a diverse audience.

Our school has strong links with the University of Wollongong where our students have the opportunities to attend holiday learning laboratories.

What is the GAT selection criteria?

- A stanine of 8 (highly gifted, 89-96th percentile) or 9 (very highly gifted, 96th and above percentile) in the ACER AGAT test.
- Teacher nomination.
- Evidence of higher order thinking skills.
- Well-developed literacy and numeracy skills.
- Highly competent research skills including library and internet use.
- High level of self-motivation.
- Positive attitude to school and learning, including homework.
- Ability to work in a team in learning situations.
- Positive behaviors that enhance learning.
- High levels of creativity evident in learning tasks.
- Interest and engagement in extra curricula activities.
- Parent and student nomination.

Enrichment Programs

Enrichment tasks and opportunities exist throughout the school curriculum. Every faculty has a GAT coordinator who has worked to differentiate teaching and learning programs as well as assessment tasks in their faculty. Faculties also can provide additional extension and enrichment activities.

Contact

Ms Gooch is our school’s GAT Coordinator, she will coordinate all information and programs relating to the GAT program. For further information contact via the school.