

Gifted and Talented Program



THE CORNERSTONES OF OUR PROGRAM

A Gifted and Talented class in Year 7 and 8

At Riverside, we have a long established Gifted and Talented class in both year 7 and year 8.

This class is provided with an enriched curriculum that caters to the particular needs of Gifted and Talented students. The class members are extended in all subjects to encourage higher order thinking, creativity and inquiry-based learning.

Where applicable, the curriculum will be compacted. This ensures students are not simply repeating work they already understand, and leaves the teacher free to provide enriched learning opportunities according to individual student need and interest.

Students are selected using a variety of information (see overleaf) to allow them to demonstrate gifts and talents in different formats.

Extension opportunities across all classes

At Riverside, it is clear that there are gifted and talented students who require extension opportunities in all our classes across every year group.

We therefore believe it is imperative that ALL students are extended to the limits of their differing abilities. Every one of our expert teachers has completed Professional Learning in differentiating the curriculum to ensure our Gifted and Talented students in mixed ability classes have access to an extended curriculum to meet their needs. This is the priority of the school's professional learning program.

Other opportunities such as subject acceleration and the option to choose to study **Philosophy** and **The Big History** as electives are also a part of our Gifted and Talented program in the later years.

Extra curricular opportunities

Riverside Girls provides a wealth of extra curricular opportunities for all students. As well as artistic and sporting focused programs, the following may be of particular interest to academically oriented Gifted and Talented students.

- Debating
- Public speaking competitions
- Student Representative Council
- Annual musical production, 'Wicked'
- Dance, string and orchestral ensembles
- School band
- UNSW Australian Competitions
- Duke of Edinburgh scheme
- Youth parliament
- Arts North film festival
- Amnesty group
- Mock trial
- Tournament of the Minds
- Chess club

FAQ

What are the enriched learning opportunities offered to the Gifted and Talented (GAT) class?

Students in our GAT class participate in a number of special curricular programs such as:

- Student mentors for our Primary Links program;
- Completion of a 'Passion Project';
- Innovations course in ICT; and
- A project based approach to learning that focuses on critical thinking and creativity across all subjects.

Can students be moved in and out of the GAT class?

Student achievement in our GAT class is reviewed during Term 3. Students may be placed on an Individual Learning Plan to develop their skills base.

Recommendations are also received from teachers regarding students who demonstrate exceptional talent across a variety of subjects in our other Year 7 classes. This may result in students changing classes in Year 8, or at another time if a place becomes available.

What happens to the GAT class after Year 8?

Years 9-10

There is a Gifted and Talented class in each core subject. There is also the opportunity to choose special elective subjects such as Philosophy and Macquarie University's Big History.

Years 11-12

Students choose their subjects in senior school and many are differentiated by the nature of the subject they choose.



YEAR 9 GAT STUDENTS ENJOYING GRAPHICS ELECTIVE

APPLICATION PROCESS

1

Attend the information evening on **Tuesday 26th March 2019** to find out more our Gifted & Talented Program

2

Register and pay online for the test by **Friday 12th April 2019** at <https://riversideg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

3

Sit the test and submit your application form on **Tuesday 14th May 2019** held on school grounds

INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 26 March 2019

6:00 - 6.30pm

Riverside Girls High School
Common Room

SELECTION TEST

& APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Tuesday 14th May 2019

4:00-5:00 pm

Riverside Girls
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