



## Program for High Potential and Gifted Students

**GRC Oatley provides a multifaceted program based on the perceived needs of the High Potential and Gifted, catering for both individual students and the group as a whole.**

GRC Oatley recognises that highly capable students have unique learning requirements and expectations that need to be nurtured to ensure they are extended beyond the confines of the curriculum. As a senior campus, it is important that we ensure:

- All students, regardless of background or personal circumstances, require access to learning programs that meet their learning needs and support them in achieving personal excellence.
- Our commitment to high expectations for all students extends to high potential and gifted students.
- Achieving excellence for high potential and gifted students is underpinned by effective school environments, including quality teaching, learning and leadership.
- Potential exists along a continuum, requiring differing approaches and levels of adjustment and intervention.
- All staff have received professional development in tailoring the curriculum to provide a supportive learning environment that enriches and extends students' learning. Specifically, staff members have actively participated in workshops focusing on identifying and supporting High Potential and Gifted students, as well as analysing teaching programs to create challenging learning opportunities suitable for each student's abilities.

This approach has fostered a culture of excellence, encouraging students to actively seek out challenges in their learning journeys. Both qualitative and quantitative data demonstrate the effectiveness of our High Potential and Gifted Education approach through its impact on students' outstanding achievements.

### Curriculum

At GRC Oatley, we offer one of the broadest curriculums in the state, with 80 courses available onsite and additional study options through TVET programs, the NSW School of Languages, and the Secondary College of Languages. This extensive subject selection ensures that every student can pursue courses that align with their interests, abilities, and future career aspirations.

We offer the full range of extension courses in Languages, Music, Ancient and Modern History, English and Mathematics, including Double Extension courses in both Mathematics and English. We also offer enrichment programs across a number of other subjects.

With diverse study opportunities, state-of-the-art facilities, and a mature learning environment, students at GRC Oatley are well-equipped to seamlessly transition into tertiary education, vocational training, or the workforce.

### Co Curricular Program

GRC Oatley offers a comprehensive co-curricular program, providing students with opportunities to develop their talents, pursue their passions, and achieve success beyond the classroom. Our program includes:

- College and school bands, fostering musical excellence
- Recreational and competitive sports, promoting teamwork and wellbeing
- State Titration Competition, with achievements at regional and state levels

- Drama, creative arts, and performing arts, encouraging artistic expression
- University, state, and national competitions across a wide range of subjects

Through these diverse experiences, students at GRC Oatley can explore their interests, refine their skills, and strive for excellence at local, state, and national levels.

### Public Speaking and Debating

At GRC Oatley, we actively promote communication and leadership for high potential and gifted students through a range of enriching opportunities, including:

- Debating workshops to refine critical thinking and public speaking skills.
- Premier's Debating Challenge for Year 11 – Karl Cramp Trophy, encouraging excellence in argumentation and teamwork.
- The Plain English Speaking Award, where GRC Oatley proudly stands as the only comprehensive school to reach the final.
- Our students have achieved success at zone and regional levels, demonstrating their exceptional ability in public speaking, debate, and leadership.

### Development Opportunities

Through its strong links with a range of educational and corporate organisations, GRC Oatley is able to offer our HPG students many opportunities to participate in a range of programs including:

#### University of Wollongong Discovery Day

This program provides an opportunity for our gifted and talented students to participate in a wide range of exclusive activities, events, special information sessions and workshops. In addition, we have access to a dedicated information and enquiry service allowing staff and students to engage with UOW on a personal level. Our students have also been able to participate in:

- Women in Computing work experience
- Wisetech cadetships
- UNSW Leaders Conference
- Co-Op Scholarships workshops
- Higher Education Expo held at school
- NSW Chemistry Titration Competition

### Graduate Destinations

Our students consistently achieve outstanding academic results, with approximately 75% successfully gaining entry into their preferred tertiary courses, including university placements. Our high potential and gifted students perform at a level comparable to local selective high schools, with many attaining the highest possible ATAR. Their achievements are regularly recognised through:

- Placement on the NSW Premier's Honours List
- Inclusion in the HSC Distinguished Achievers List
- Nomination and Selection for the HSC Major Works

## ATAR Eligible Students

