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*Inspiring and Nurturing Student Potential through
Inquiry, Relationships and Enrichment*

2027





INSPIRING AND NURTURING STUDENT POTENTIAL

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Toronto High School offers high potential and gifted students a range of experiences to develop their strengths and talents. INSPIRE is a Toronto High School initiative delivered in partnership with primary schools across the local learning community, providing an opportunity beyond the structured school day. Weekly classes for students in Years 5–8 will be offered in 2027, with students engaging in challenging and authentic learning designed to broaden their thinking, deepen their understanding and build their skills over time.

Learning alongside expert teachers, like-minded peers and student mentors will encourage students to collaborate, challenge themselves and pursue areas of strength.

Through INSPIRE, students will apply their skills through competitions, engage with guest speakers and experts, and develop projects that can be shared with community audiences. These experiences will help students build confidence, recognise their potential and explore where their interests and strengths may lead.

THE DETAILS

WHO

HPGE students in Years 5 – 8 may apply

WHERE

Toronto High School

WHEN

Wednesdays 2.30-4pm from Week 2 each term.

Students are to wear normal school uniform.



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INSPIRE SUBJECTS IN 2027

Further information about each subject is available on the following pages.

DANCEWORKS



Are you a student who loves dance and wants to explore movement in exciting and original ways? Whether you are passionate about trying new styles, eager to express yourself through movement, or excited to push the boundaries, our program is designed to inspire and challenge you. DanceWorks invites you to develop both your physical skills and creative abilities beyond the regular curriculum. This is your opportunity for your imagination to flourish and your unique dance identity to emerge.

THE ART COLLECTIVE



If you're a creative student with a passion for art and you're ready to push your skills and ideas further, The Art Collective is for you. You'll have the freedom to experiment, explore new materials, develop your own ideas & create ambitious artworks in a supportive space designed to challenge and grow your creative talent.

THS GROOVE ENSEMBLE



A targeted stage band program for students who are ready to extend their musicianship, confidence and creativity beyond the regular curriculum. Explore the feel, freedom and collaboration of popular, rock, funk and jazz music while developing the skills of the next generation of improvisers & contemporary musicians.

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THE WRITER'S STUDIO



Discover the secrets of great storytelling. Invent memorable characters, vivid worlds, powerful imagery, suspenseful and compelling plots. Bring your own ideas to life. Perfect for growing writers who love stories, enjoy being creative and want to take their writing to the next level.

VISUAL DESIGN MAKER SPACE



Turn your ideas into something real! Maker Space is for creative thinkers who love designing, experimenting & making in their own way. Explore real-world ideas, choose a creative direction that matches your interests & talents, and build the skills to take your work from an initial concept to a professionally resolved outcome.



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What's Involved?

- Creative choreography, inventive movement, and collaborative dance-making.
- Discover how your body can move in unique and expressive ways - create dance that is truly your own.
- Led by an experienced facilitator with decades of expertise supporting gifted learners and choreographing major performances and supported by enthusiastic student mentors.
- Build your technical skills and prepare for dynamic showcase events, including school and community performances
- Experiment with new dance styles, learn how to compose your own routines, work with your peers to build group pieces, and discover how to create original dances.
- Engage in creative warm-ups, improvisation games, collaborative choreography sessions, music selection for movement, and reflective discussions to help you develop your talent.

Why Join?

- Challenge your creativity and extend your dance skills in every session
- Work and collaborate with talented peers from Years 5-8
- Opportunities to participate in performance showcases at the conclusion of Terms 2 and 4, including community and school events such as the Hunter Dance Festival and MADD Night
- Grow in confidence, teamwork, and physical expression in a supportive environment

Step Into Your Creativity!



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What's Involved?

- Workshops that focus on creative experimentation, skill development and original artmaking
- Exploration of drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, ceramics, digital art, collage and mixed media
- Experimentation with new materials, techniques and creative processes while developing your own individual style
- Work alongside other talented and creative students, with support from student mentors
- Develop exciting projects including Wild at Heart, Our Place and the No Limits Passion Project
- Learn from practising artists through guest workshops, gallery experiences and artist talks
- Use a Visual Arts Process Diary to develop, experiment with and document your ideas
- Receive individual mentoring and feedback to help develop your talent

Why Join?

- Challenge your creativity and take your artmaking further
- Develop confidence, independence and advanced artistic skills
- Explore ideas and subjects that genuinely interest you
- Develop and curate your own body of work
- Showcase your artwork in Mid-Year and End-of-Year exhibitions

Create Without Limits



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What's Involved?

- Ensemble rehearsals focused on stage-band skills, musical independence and performance confidence
- Develop jazz techniques including improvisation, groove, phrasing, articulation, soloing and ensemble awareness
- Move beyond simply reading the notes by learning to listen, respond and create musical ideas
- Apply orchestral or rock-band experience in a contemporary setting, with opportunities for brass, woodwind, strings, percussion, guitar, bass, keyboard and other suitable instruments
- Learn from THS mentors and take part in workshops with musicians from the Newcastle Music Network
- Prepare for authentic performance opportunities, including Newcastle BandFest and MADD Night

Why Join?

- Challenge your musicianship and extend your skills for musical success in secondary school
- Build confidence in improvising, soloing and performing in front of an audience
- Meet and collaborate with talented young musicians
- Develop a stronger understanding of groove, extended chords, musical style and creative expression
- Gain valuable performance experience and build a pathway into future stage bands, jazz ensembles and contemporary music

Students who receive instrumental tuition or already play in a concert band, rock band or other ensemble are encouraged to apply.

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What's Involved?

- Creative writing, experimentation, storytelling and developing your own unique writing voice
- Explore a range of forms including short stories, flash fiction, fantasy, mystery, speculative fiction, poetry and script writing
- Discover the craft behind great writing, including characterisation, dialogue, narrative voice, imagery, symbolism, setting, tension and pacing
- Learn from contemporary & classic authors, analysing their techniques and applying them to your own writing
- Develop your ideas through drafting, peer workshops, revision and editing, learning that great writing is created through experimentation and refinement
- Create an anthology of original student writing and develop work for authentic audiences
- Enter writing competitions and explore opportunities to have your work published in magazines and online

Why Join?

- Challenge your creativity and extend your writing skills in every session
- Work and collaborate with talented young writers from Years 5 to 8
- Develop confidence in sharing your ideas and responding to feedback
- Create writing you can be proud of and share with real audiences
- Build the skills, resilience and creative thinking of an emerging writer in a supportive and inspiring environment

*Unleash your imagination.
Find your voice.
Tell your story.*



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What's Involved?

- Explore a range of materials, tools and technologies including illustration, painting, photography, digital art, Adobe programs, moving image, sculpture, installation and 3D making
- Build technical mastery in the materials and creative processes that best suit your individual strengths and interests
- Respond to real-world design briefs for school, community organisations, local businesses and authentic audiences
- Develop your own creative direction, choosing what you make, how you make it and the form your final outcome takes
- Explore contemporary topics such as identity, self-expression, global issues and culture as starting points for creative projects
- Create outcomes such as branding, campaigns, publications, photography, film, digital works, artworks and 3D designs

Why Join?

- Develop your own creative specialisation instead of completing the same project as everyone else
- Build skills in the materials, technologies and processes you want to master
- Connect creativity with real-world knowledge, issues, audiences and purposes
- Learn how artists and designers turn research and ideas into meaningful visual communication
- Produce a professionally resolved artwork, campaign, publication, brand, photograph, film, installation or design product
- Present, exhibit or deliver your final project to an authentic audience

*Big Ideas
Real Design*





APPLICATION PROCESS

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Families may apply for one or more of the subjects offered in 2027, though successful applicants will be offered a place in one subject only.

Each subject will require a separate completed Expression of Interest. This EOI application form is available on the Toronto High School website.

A copy is also available at the end of this information booklet.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS



01

Submit Your Application

Please submit the completed application along with all required evidence by **Term 4, Week 1, Thursday 15th October, 2026**



02

Prepare Submission Requirements

Please see the submission requirements for each subject listed on the application form.



03

Email your Application

Submit by emailing toronto-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the subject: Inspire EOI.



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Await the Notification

For further information please contact Melynda Smith-Kain, HT T&L/ HPGE Coordinator by calling 0249591788 or emailing melynda.kain@det.nsw.edu.au

SUBMISSION OF VIDEO

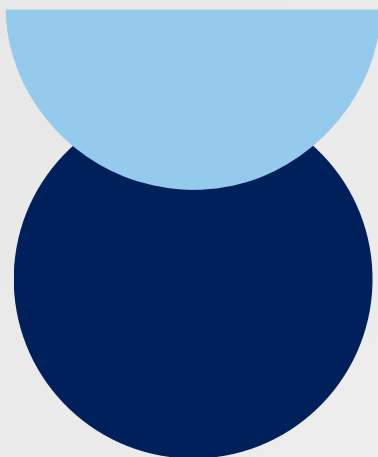
Some subjects require a video submission. Please follow the process below:

- 01** Visit www.youtube.com and sign in to your account (or create one if you don't have one).
- 02** Click Create → Upload video and follow the on-screen instructions to upload your audition.
- 03** Once uploaded, go to Visibility settings and select Unlisted (this means only people with the link can view your video).
- 04** Save your changes.
- 05** Copy the video link (URL) and paste it into the email along with your completed EOI application.

Should you experience any difficulty, please contact your school for support, or reach out to Melynda Smith-Kain at Toronto High School.



TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL LOOKS FORWARD TO WELCOMING STUDENTS INTO THE INSPIRE PROGRAM.



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