



HIGH POTENTIAL & GIFTED EDUCATION @ VPS



Valentine Public School is a fantastic place to **'grow and learn at the point of challenge.'** Our school has quality programs in the Intellectual, Physical, Social/Emotional & Creative HPGE domains. We have a strong reputation in the local community for excellence in teaching and learning. Our teachers are contemporary in their professional learning, commitment to student wellbeing and academic attainment. We offer a rich range of extra-curricular opportunities including high potential and gifted programs, a highly successful band, creative and performing arts programs as well as enrichment in a wide range of sporting pursuits.

We aim to:

- encourage and support all students to achieve their potential.
- identify students with high potential and giftedness across multiple domains.
- provide challenging, differentiated learning opportunities to nurture the talents of our high potential and gifted students.

Intellectual Domain

- Differentiated teaching and learning in the classroom
- PACE Maths groups
- Participation in external competitions and events such as Newcastle Permanent Maths competitions, ICAS, Public Speaking, Debating, Chess, UON Engineering Challenge, DaVinci Decathlon and STEM incursions
- School PBL awards
- Hunter Super Nova GATS Camp
- High School Transition programs
- BYOD Program - Year 3-6
- The Academy - online enrichment program

Creative Domain



- Differentiated teaching and learning in the classroom
- Participation in extra-curricular activities and events such as: band, choir, Star Struck, rock bands, whole school concerts, Acting Ensemble productions
- Band Fest
- Band Camp
- Mentorship
- Collaboration with external experts (Hunter Drama)
- School PBL awards
- Hunter Super Nova GATS Camp
- Onsite dance classes with an external provider
- Expert CAPA Teachers



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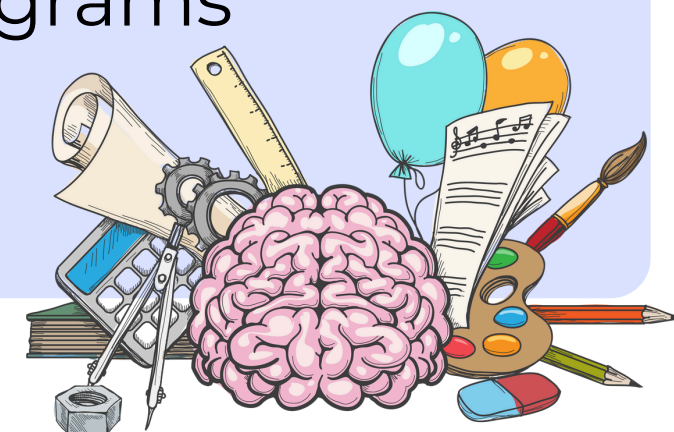


Social / Emotional Domain

- Differentiated teaching and learning in the classroom
- Leadership opportunities such as the Senior Student Executive, Student Parliament
- Class-based and whole school opportunities
- Mentoring / Buddy Program
- School PBL awards
- Nature Play
- Student voice
- Harmony Day and Anti-bullying Day
- High expectations in regards to attendance
- Participation in community service projects - Seahorse Project & Humble Hive Bee program
- Hunter Super Nova GATS Camp
- Environmental Clubs

Physical Domain

- Differentiated teaching and learning in the classroom
- Participation in a wide range of team and individual sports at a local, regional, state and national level.
- PSSA Pathways in 3-6
- Premier's Sporting Challenge
- Hunter Sports Awards
- Opportunities for participation and success in athletics, swimming and cross-country
- School PBL awards
- Supporting programs in our partner primary schools
- Hunter Super Nova GATS Camp
- Unique school sports opportunities
- Expert PDHPE programs



Commitment to Excellence

At Valentine Public School, we are committed to the pursuit of excellence. We are continually trialling innovative initiatives and processes to improve school systems and student outcomes. We pride ourselves on our best practice to embed high expectations, foster talent development and effectively cater for a wide range of equity and learning needs.

Staff are fully qualified in the GERRIC High Potential and Gifted Mini COGE from the UNSW Sydney. They are also trained in the Department of Education High Potential and Gifted PL around implementing the new HPGE policy and how to create a talent development plan in response to the learning and wellbeing needs of high potential and gifted students.