



Woonona Public School: High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) Overview

At Woonona Public School, we are committed to providing tailored educational experiences for our High Potential and Gifted learners. Our programs include:

Differentiated Learning at Woonona Public School

Our approach to differentiated learning ensures that each gifted learner's unique needs are met. This may include:

- **Flexible Grouping:** Students work in diverse groups based on their interests and readiness levels, promoting collaboration and peer learning.
- **Mild, Spicy and Hot Tasks:** Differentiated tasks provided in each lesson to cater to varying levels of complexity and challenge for enrichment.
- **Varied Assessment Methods:** We utilise a variety of assessment techniques to understand each student's strengths and areas for growth, ensuring tailored feedback that fosters further development.
- **Individual Learning Plans (ILPs):** Each gifted learner is encouraged to develop an ILP that outlines their personal goals and learning strategies, providing a roadmap for their educational journey.

Four Domains of High Potential and Gifted Education at Woonona Public School

We recognise that high potential and giftedness can manifest in various ways and support our students across the four domains:

1. **Academic:** We provide challenging curriculum options and support for students excelling in subjects such as mathematics and science.
2. **Creative:** Our arts programs encourage creative expression through visual arts, music, dance, and drama, nurturing students' imaginative capabilities.
3. **Social/Emotional:** Leadership and teamwork are fostered through group projects and community initiatives, helping students develop essential social skills.
4. **Physical:** We promote physical giftedness through sports programs and physical education opportunities, encouraging students to excel in athletic pursuits and develop their physical skills.

Program/Initiative	Description
Aboriginal Cultural Group	A group that focuses on engaging students (Years K-6) with Aboriginal culture and practices.
Aboriginal Cultural Immersion	An initiative that provides students (Years K-6) with insights into Aboriginal culture and traditions.
Art Club	A creative space for students (Years K-2 and 3-6 during different terms) to explore different art forms, develop their artistic skills, and express their creativity.
Camp	Opportunities for students (Years 5-6) to engage in outdoor education and team-building activities.
CBC Luncheon	A luncheon event for students (Years 5-6) to engage with community members and celebrate achievements.
Chess Club	A space for students (Years 3-6) to engage in chess, enhancing their strategic thinking and problem-solving skills.
Choir	An opportunity for students (Years 3-6) to participate in a choir, developing their vocal skills.
Choral Festival	A musical event that allows students (Years 3-6) to showcase their vocal talents and participate in collaborative performances with other schools.
CoS Band	An opportunity for students (Years 3-6) to participate in a school band, fostering musical skills and teamwork.
CoS Public Speaking Competition	A platform for students (Years K-6) to develop their public speaking and presentation skills through competition.
Community Artwork Competitions	Opportunities for students (Years K-6) to engage in and showcase their artwork within the community.
Gardening Club	A hands-on program where students (Years K-6) learn about sustainable gardening practices and develop environmental awareness.
Halogen Young Leaders Day	A one-day conference for students (Year 6 only) on the leadership team focused on developing leadership skills.
Kids Art Magazine	A project that encourages students (Years 5-6) to contribute to a children's art magazine.
Library Monitors	Engagement in library activities and opportunities for students (Years 5-6) to serve as library monitors.
Maths Explorer	A program that encourages students (Years 3-4) to explore advanced mathematical concepts and apply their knowledge in real-world contexts.
Maths Olympiad	A national competition that challenges students' (Years 5-6) mathematical skills and problem-solving abilities.

Maths Quest	An interactive program designed to engage students (Years 1-2) in mathematical concepts through fun and challenging activities.
Minister's Christmas Card Competition	A competition where students (Years K-2) create Christmas cards to be submitted for consideration by the Minister.
MindQuest	A program that challenges students' (Years K-6) thinking and problem-solving abilities through various tasks.
Premier's Reading Challenge	A program that encourages students (Years K-6) to read widely and participate in a reading challenge.
Programs run by the Arts Unit	Various initiatives that offer students (Years K-6) opportunities to engage in specialised arts education and experiences.
PSSA	Participation in the Primary Schools Sports Association, providing opportunities for students (Years 3-6) to compete in various sports at a representative level.
Robotics and Coding	An interactive program where students (Years K-6) learn coding and robotics, fostering technological skills.
Run Club	An initiative that promotes running and fitness among students (Years K-6).
Southern Stars	A performing arts initiative that provides opportunities for students (Years 3-6) to engage in musical theatre and dance performances.
Sports Gala Days	Days dedicated to celebrating sports and athletic abilities among students (Years 3-6).
Sports House Captains	Leadership roles for students (Years 3-6) within sports houses, promoting teamwork and school spirit.
Sporting Pathways	Programs that guide talented athletes (Years 2-6) in their development, including access to coaching and competition at higher levels.
Stage 3 Leadership Day	A day for students (Years 5-6) where they explore the purposeful skills, attitudes and behaviours of being a leader.
State Knockout Sports	Competitive sports events for talented athletes where they compete against other schools, in a diverse range of sports, in a knockout format (Years 5-6).
Student Representative Council	Student Representative Council for students (Years K-6), fostering leadership and representation.
Talent Show	An event where students (Years K-6) can display their talents in front of an audience.
Tech Club	A club focused on technology and media, allowing students (Years 3-6) to create and share content.

Ukulele Club	A club where students (Years 3-6) can learn to play the ukulele and develop their musical skills.
University Discovery Days	Events that allow students (Years 3-6) to explore university options and engage with higher education opportunities.
WooTube	A platform for students (Years 5-6) to create and share video content with the school community.
Writing and Art Competitions	Competitions that encourage students (Years 5-6) to showcase their writing and artistic talents.
Writing Club	A dedicated space for students (Years 5-6) to enhance their writing skills through various genres and styles.
Writing Workshops CBCA - Spending Day with Author	Workshops that provide students (Years 3-6) with the chance to learn from authors and enhance their writing skills.
Year 5 HPAG Class	A High Potential and Gifted class that provides targeted learning experiences for students (Year 5 only).
Year 6 HPGE Class at Woonona HS	A specialised class for students (Year 6 only) that prepares them for high school with a focus on high potential and gifted education.

Please note: Some of these programs run daily or weekly, whilst others may be over a term. Some programs will be when the opportunity arises, and others may be held one year and not the following due to student interest, staffing, or changes in school direction.

Conclusion

At Woonona Public School, we are dedicated to nurturing the strengths of our high potential and gifted students through a comprehensive HPGE framework. By providing personalised programs and differentiated learning opportunities, we aim to create an inclusive environment where all students can thrive and reach their full potential.