

THE EXCEL GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE EXCEL PROGRAM?

The EXCEL Program promotes Success for All through a differentiated learning program for students with high intellectual and creative potential rigorous, relevant and engaging learning opportunities aligned with their individual learning needs, strengths, interests and goals, so that they have the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

Students may be invited to join the EXCEL Program at any time from Semester 2 of Year 7 to Year 12. From Year 9, EXCEL students can study SACE Stage 1 Integrated Learning: Academic Extension and in their second year they can study it at Stage 2 level.

THE EXCEL PROGRAM AIMS TO:

- Challenge high-achieving students to extend themselves academically by participating in intellectually-challenging activities, and by preparing for, and entering, academic competitions
- Foster the formation of supportive friendships among academic high-achievers
- Motivate high-achieving students to continue to do their best at school.

HOW DO STUDENTS QUALIFY TO JOIN?

- Attain a Grade Point Average (GPA) over 6
- Attain a Credit Grade or higher in an individual state, national or international academic competition
- Teacher nomination, or parent nomination

WHAT EXTENSION ACTIVITIES ARE OFFERED?

CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING:

- Aust. Brain Bee Challenge: Neuroscience (Year 10)
- Big Science Competition (Years 7-10)
- Biology Olympiad (Year 11)
- Chemistry Olympiad (Year 11)
- Debating Training
- Earth/Environmental Science Olympiad (Year 11)
- Education Perfect Science Championship
- GTCASA Saturday Club Workshops
- ICAS Science Assessment
- Interschool Debating (Team)

- Physics Olympiad (Year 11)
- Spring Poetry Cover Art Competition
- Tournament of Minds (Team) (Years 7-10)
- Try Engineering
- World Scholars' Cup (Team)

ETHICAL UNDERSTANDING:

- Academy Conferences for Gifted Students
- Crash Course Philosophy
- Ethics Olympiad Training Clinic
- Interschool Ethics Olympiads (Team)
- SAPEA Philosophical Inquiry Days

ICT CAPABILITY:

- Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge
- Computational/Algorithmic Thinking Competition
- ICAS Digital Technologies Assessment (Y7-10)

INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING:

- Australian Geography Competition
- Australian History Competition (Years 7-10)
- Education Perfect Humanities Championship
- Education Perfect Global Languages Championship
- Evatt Diplomacy Competition (Years 9-12)
- UN Youth Voice Competition (Years 7-10)
- United Nations Youth Forums
- UN Youth State Conference/Camp (Years 9-12)



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WHAT ACADEMIC EXTENSION ACTIVITIES ARE OFFERED?

LITERACY:

- Eden School Prize: Essay-writing (Y10)
- Education Perfect English Championship
- Flinders University Young Playwrights' Award
- ICAS English Competition
- ICAS Spelling Competition (Y7)
- ICAS Writing Competition
- Premier's Reading Challenge
- Prime Minister's Spelling Bee
- SAETA Meet the Writers Festival
- SAETA Spring Poetry Festival
- SAETA Young Writers' Award
- State Theatre Company Theatre Reviews

NUMERACY:

- Education Perfect Maths Championship
- CAS Maths Assessment

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL CAPABILITY:

- Legacy Public Speaking Competitions
- Lions' Youth of the Year (Year 10/11)
- Public Speaking Training
- Rostrum Voice of Youth
- YMCA Junior/Youth Parliaments

EXCEL HIGHLIGHTS

- Up to 30 students a year have won trophies in the Adelaide Round of the World Scholar's Cup. Many students have gone on to compete in Global Rounds of the World Scholar's Cup in Hanoi, Athens and Melbourne.
- Our Year 10 Interschool Debating team has topped the State and we have had a student on the State Debating Team.
- We have had State Representatives in the National Evatt Diplomacy Competition, at the UN Youth National Conference and in the National Voice Public Speaking Competition.
- GGHS teams have won Honours in the Tournament of Minds competition eight

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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