

Gifted & Talented Students

POLICY

Purpose:

Within the educational environment of Camelot Rise Primary School, the school will identify, recognise, nurture and support students who demonstrate that they are highly able, gifted or have special talents, interests, abilities or potential. The school understands there are:

- Varying degrees of giftedness.
- Varying areas of giftedness – academic, music, leadership, creativity, sport, art.
- Varying needs of the students that are catered for, to ensure the students full potential is developed.

Guidelines:

- All staff will differentiate the curriculum to provide all students with the appropriate stimulus, challenge and teaching to meet their wide diversity of needs.
- The school has a commitment to provide extension, enrichment and appropriate programs for gifted & talented students.

Implementation:

- A variety of identification tools will be employed to identify gifted & talented students which may include input from teachers, parents, peers and professional consultants. This includes the identification of students preferred learning styles.
- Extension and special programs may operate by withdrawing students from their regular classes, by integrating these programs within the curriculum and / or providing activities outside class time eg: after school chess club, CHIP programs.
- The gifted & talented students program may be funded through the gifted & talented students budget.
- Staff will be offered regular professional development to assist them with teaching and learning approaches for gifted & talented students and with understanding the needs of highly able students, particularly emotional needs.
- The school will recognise and celebrate the efforts of gifted & talented students by acknowledging their achievements.
- The school will encourage parental support through access at the classroom level and within the school community eg: clubs program, Tournament Of the Minds, school production, I.T. Program.
- The school will aim to provide students with special abilities a supportive and a nurturing environment that will encourage personal growth and confidence.
- A gifted & talented students support group for parents will meet on a regular basis and offer resources and support for parents.

Evaluation:

- Programs and strategies used to enhance and extend the education of these students will take into consideration the individual needs of the students, availability of appropriate resources and DE&T guidelines and initiatives. This policy will be reviewed regularly.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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