



GIFTED STUDENTS

AT TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

JUNIOR SCHOOL (SUMMER HILL) AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL (STRATHFIELD)

At Trinity Grammar School we appreciate the need for differentiated teaching and learning. All learners are not the same. Not every gifted student is the same. Teachers at Trinity Grammar School with specialist training in gifted education understand the specific and yet diverse needs of gifted learners. The Gifted Education Coordinator along with the Trinity Education Support Services (TESS) team, guide and support for gifted students.

The Primary Years Programme (PYP – International Baccalaureate Organisation) provides a curriculum framework based on best practice, for primary education, enabling teachers to modify and extend curriculum ideally suited for gifted and/or talented students. Units of inquiry provide the opportunity for students to build on existing knowledge, engage in conceptual, in-depth, suitably paced, structured inquiry-based learning, exploring attitudes, critical thinking and problem solving. Learners make connections between learning experiences and with real life experiences, leading to application and action. The internationally-minded PYP also provides the opportunity to learn a language other than the language of instruction.

We believe sustained interaction with intellectual peers provides significant support, stimulation and encouragement for students with special gifts and talents in all curriculum areas. Our teachers understand that gifted students benefit from a variety of learning situations. Therefore, within the PYP framework the flexible extension groups provide opportunities for boys to work both individually and in small groups.

At Trinity Grammar School, we believe in the important nexus that exists between Mind, Body and Spirit. Catering for the needs of gifted students therefore extends beyond the classroom. **Co-curricular** activities are an integral part of school-life and richly enhance the lives of gifted students.

These activities include:

MIND

- > *Da Vinci Decathlon* Competition (teams work collaboratively on higher order thinking skills, problem solving and creativity)
- > Debating
 - ISDA Debating Competition
 - IPSHA Debating
 - House Debating Competition
 - Debating Coaching
- > School Speech Competition
- > School Recitation Competition
- > *Mathematics Olympiad*
- > Writing Competitions
 - *Sydney Morning Herald Youngest Writer Write On Writing Competition*
 - *Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition*
 - *Whitlam Institute What Matters? Writing Competition*
 - Trinity Grammar School Writing Competition
- > ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)
- > Chess
 - Coaching (Years 2 – 6)
 - *Inter School NSW Junior Chess League Competition*
 - School Chess Championships
- > STEM Club
- > Greek School
- > Cubs and Scouts
- > Music
 - Private Instrumental Lessons (tuition for AMEB practical and theory examinations)
 - Instrumental groups (including bands, orchestras, ensembles)
 - Year Two String Programme
 - Trinity Singers (an auditioned choral group)
 - Choir
 - Semester Studio Concerts
- > Creative and Performing Arts Festival
- > E-studio Drama
- > Art Club
- > Gardening Club
- > Games Group
- > News Reporters' Club
- > Radio Club

BODY

- > Emerging Athlete Programme
- > Talented Athletes' Programme
- > Squad Swimming
- > Diving Squad
- > Tennis Coaching
- > Cricket Coaching
- > Elite Football
- > Futsal Representative programme
- > Representative pathway for talented sportsmen to PSSA Championships via IPSHA and CIS competitions and trials.
- > Holiday Rugby and Football Camps
- > Sporting Tours
- > Tae Kwan Do – Self Defence
- > TGS 'Minimites' (Gross motor development programme for PK-2 students)

SPIRIT

- > Cru Group
- > CIA (Christians in Action)
- > Servant leadership
 - School and House Officers
 - Peer Mediators
 - Library/Computer/Chapel Monitors
 - Kindergarten – Year Six Buddy programme
- > Mission and Charity support
 - Operation Christmas Child
 - World Vision sponsorship
 - Anglicare Christmas Hamper packing
 - Red Cross
 - Christian Missionary Society
 - Crusaders
 - Westmead Children's Hospital
 - Children's Medical Research Institute (Jeans for Genes)
 - SIDS and Kids (Red Nose Day)
 - CanTeen (National Bandanna Day)



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