

**HIGHVIEW COLLEGE**  
**GIFTED & TALENTED POLICY**  
**Person Responsible – Learning Enhancement Co-ordinator**



**Rationale**

Gifted and talented students are exceptional students that require teaching and learning opportunities within the school framework to ensure that they can excel in their particular gift or talent.

**Aims**

- To provide opportunities that enable gifted and talented students to explore areas of interest with deeper understanding and meaning
- To provide programmes that allow students to extend and challenge them beyond the classroom curriculum

**Implementation**

- Facilitate teams for Debating competitions within our region
- Encourage students to participate in national and any local Mathematics competitions
- Facilitate teams for participation in the annual 'Tournament of Minds' competition
- Provide opportunities within the school, such as extension classes to further challenge the more gifted students and develop their higher order thinking skills
- Provide Professional Development opportunities for staff, where appropriate, regarding the teaching of 'gifted and talented' students
- Promote opportunities for 'gifted and talented' students to enter state, national and international competitions in a wide range of subjects
- Provide leadership opportunities within the school community

**Process**

- Area Heads select the students for the various programs based on academic results and feedback from the appropriate staff
- Students who demonstrate an aptitude beyond that of their peers participate in the Mathematics and English Extension programs
- The use of NAPLAN, 'AIM on Demand' and other testing to identify 'gifted and talented' students
- Individual students may be approached to consider participating in special programs, i.e. STEM opportunities