

**MCCARTHY CATHOLIC
COLLEGE**

Learning Support Department

Integrity, Justice, Peace



We are each gifted in a unique and important way. It is our privilege and our adventure to discover our own special light.

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**Gifted & Talented
Program**



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Gifted Education at McCarthy



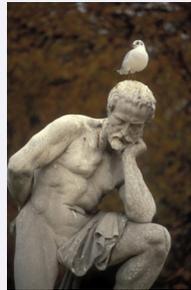
“Equal opportunity does not mean identical provisions for all. Rather it means access for all to those avenues of education, which match their gifts and interests”

(Harvard report, 1945-Clendenning & Davies, 1980, p99)

All students have a right to a learning environment that fosters wellbeing and offers learning outcomes consistent with their abilities.

The learning environment at McCarthy Catholic College aims to provide a range of opportunities for its gifted and talented students which will,

- Expose its students to a curriculum that allows them to work at higher cognitive levels
- Challenge its students to perform at their best
- Offer broader education activities and personalised learning which develop specific skills and talents
- Monitor talented students in a holistic way, socially, emotionally and intellectually



WHERE DO WE START?

The first step is to identify students for a Gifted and Talented program.

At McCarthy Catholic College this is done by,

- Self nomination
- Parent nomination
- Teacher nomination
- Student academic history
- Standardised testing
- Individual profiling & monitoring

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

The best way to cater for the needs of our gifted learners is to provide opportunities for enriched and extended experiences through

- In-class provision through a differentiated curriculum
- Providing opportunities for ability grouping e.g. Mathematics acceleration
- Opportunities beyond the classroom such as subject competitions, mentorships, debating

COMPETITIONS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Students will be given opportunities to move outside their comfort zone in a totally supported manner where there is nothing to lose and much to gain.

Further enrichment will be made available through various national programs. For example:

- Australian Schools Competitions (Science, Mathematics, Writing)
- Defense Youth Challenge
- Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition
- GERRIC Scientific Program
- Murder Under the Microscope
- Space to Grow
- Write a Book in a Day

Competitions like these are only a snapshot of what can be offered to cater for our highly able/gifted students.



For more information, visit the school website:
www.mccarthyemuplains.catholic.edu.au/