Mansfield Primary School
Gifted and Talented Students Policy

BASIC BELIEF
Our school aims to provide a challenging and comprehensive curriculum for all students, including those that are identified as gifted and talented.

IMPLEMENTATION

- A coordinator skilled in identifying and responding to students with special talents will coordinate the school’s gifted and talented students program.
- The appointed staff member will actively seek assistance from Gifted Education Networks and accredited service providers (available from DEEC, Gifted Education Section) to assist in the development of programs for gifted and talented students.
- A variety of identification tools will be utilised to identify students of above average ability, which may include input from teachers, parents, peers, students and professional consultants.
- The Gifted and Talented Students coordinator will work with parents and staff to collaboratively determine appropriate programs and strategies for individual students and monitor the student’s progress toward predetermined goals. eg. Learning Improvement Plans (LIP’s).
- Families will be actively encouraged to work with school and outside networks to facilitate meeting their children’s ongoing needs.
- The school, where possible, will provide flexible extension and enrichment programs for gifted and talented students including acceleration, (subject, curriculum content, or year level) special ability groupings, individual learning contracts, mentoring, classroom enrichment and extension, and the provision of varied teaching strategies, learning styles and thinking curriculum.
- Opportunities within the timetable will be provided to offer talented students a range of activities. eg. Animation, Robotics, Ceramics, International Competitions and Assessments for Schools, on-line quests and challenges in the areas of Science, General Knowledge, research skills and problem solving
- Gifted students programs and activities outside the classroom may also be provided to enhance and extend the educational program of individual students eg. Tournament of Minds, Gifted and Talented camps and workshops.
- A Gifted and Talented Students program budget will be developed by the program coordinator in consultation with classroom teachers and program support group members.
- Staff professional development needs will be ascertained annually to ensure individual differences in our students are identified and best catered for.

This policy was ratified by the Mansfield Primary School Council on – 16th August 2010
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