

Terrigal High School

Information and Expression of Interest Year 7 High Potential & Gifted Education Class and Programs 2024

HP Class

Enriching and Extending Potential

Year 7 High Potential & Gifted Education Class

Leading, engaging and inspiring our school community to be curious and active learners, striving for excellence in all aspects of life.

Vision statement

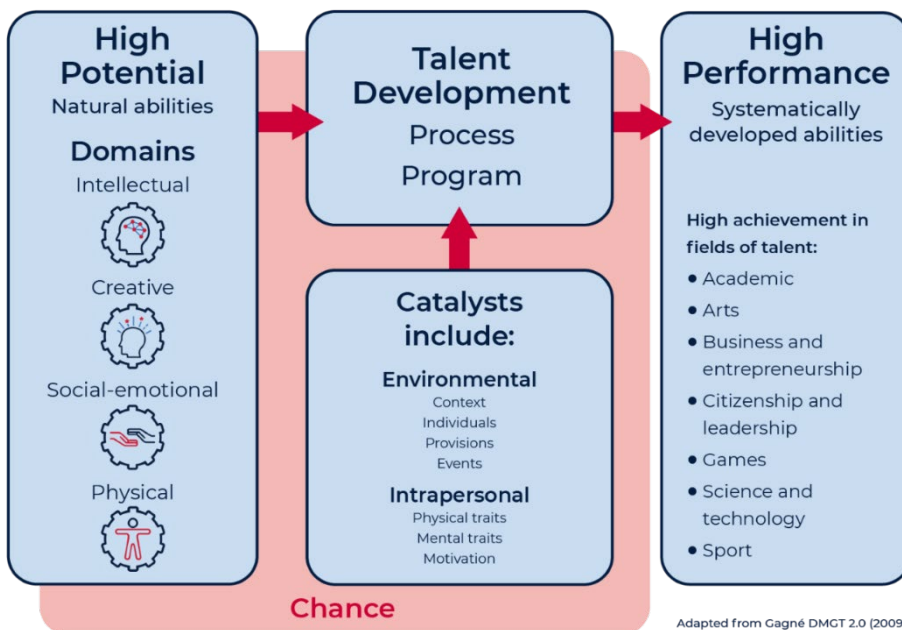
Through high expectations, high support and high engagement, we strive to develop our high potential and gifted students to be curious and active learners, inspiring excellence through determination, hard work and a passion for learning across intellectual, social-emotional, creative and physical domains.

Terrigal High School is committed to promoting engaging and challenging learning opportunities for all students, while supporting them to achieve educational potential through talent development and differentiated learning.

As well as operating comprehensive mainstream classes, Terrigal High School offers a range of programs to foster the needs of our high potential and gifted students. The terms 'high potential' and 'gifted' refers to students whose potential exceeds other students of the same age in one or more domains: intellectual, creative, social-emotional and physical.

The high potential and gifted programs and support structures offered by Terrigal High School are driven by the core principles of:

- All students, regardless of background or personal circumstances, access learning programs that meet their learning needs.
- Our commitment to striving for excellence for all students includes high potential and gifted students.
- Potential exists along a continuum, where differing degrees of potential require differing approaches and levels of adjustment and intervention.
- Quality teaching and learning experiences, leading to improved growth and achievement.



Adapted from Gagné DMGT 2.0 (2009)

Stage 4 High Potential and Gifted Education Program

The HP Learning and TSP* programs at Terrigal High provides students with a high expectations' framework in a quality learning environment to develop, enrich and extend their potential. HP students will study the core curriculum within a differentiated program offering opportunities to advance and accelerate learning. This differentiation extends learning through challenging, open-ended, conceptual programs, engaging assessments and centres on future focused skills of collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and communication.

Expectations of HP Learning

- Participants, not passengers
- Commitment to personal best
- Targeted programs with an authentic audience
 - Community engagement, project-based learning, events identified by class teachers
 - Student learning portfolio
- Attendance: maintaining high expectations towards 100%
- Active engagement in a minimum of two of the following areas: academic, cultural, sporting, leadership, creative and performing arts.

HP Learning Class Process

- Students complete EOI and portfolio submission
- Input from primary school teachers
- Interview panel
- Term 4 Transition Program to engage with, and transition into, the HP Learning class.

*For further information on TSP (Targeted Sports Program) please refer to the information on the Terrigal High School website, including application processes and dates.

HP Class Application Process

The selection process for Terrigal High School's HP Class has four key stages:

Stage 1: Expression of Interest

Students are invited to apply for placement into our high potential and gifted education program. This involves completing and submitting the attached expression of interest by **Wednesday May 31st**. In this application, students will identify their area of potential and giftedness within the four domains of intellectual, social-emotion, creative and/or physical.

Stage 2: Placement Testing

All students will be required to complete a placement test. The cost of the test is \$45. This amount must be paid at the time of application via: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/other-payment/58>. Expression of Interest Forms and payment must be submitted by **Wednesday May 31st**. The test will be held at Terrigal High School on Thursday June 22nd. The placement test is externally written and marked and will examine students' abilities in literacy, numeracy and critical thinking.

Stage 3: Portfolio

The student portfolio is an opportunity for each applicant to highlight and showcase their talents and abilities.

The portfolio is to include: the student's last school report, recent NAPLAN (or equivalent) results and any achievements, awards or certificates that may support the student's application. The portfolio should also include three pieces of recent, exemplary work that the student has completed at school, including a reflection statement justifying their reasons for inclusion and a statement about how they best learn. This may also include extra-curricular, school service and/or leadership activities.

Presentation of the portfolio should reflect the student's interests and personality. Portfolios may be physical or digital. Digital copies must be in PDF format and emailed to: terrigan-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Portfolios are to be submitted by Thursday June 22nd, online or in person at the placement testing. **NO** original documents are to be included. Portfolios will be returned at the conclusion of the application process.

Stage 4: Interview

Students successful in Stage 1 of the application process will be invited to present their portfolio to a panel of staff at Terrigal High School and be given the opportunity to share their areas of potential and excellence. Student interviews will be conducted on Friday 4th August.

Notification of Placement

Students will be notified of successful placement on: Friday August 11th. Second round offers of successful placement will occur in Term 3, Week 8. A reserve list will be created should positions become available.



HP Learning Class – Expression of Interest

To be completed by the parent or carer of the applicant. Electronic copies are available on the Terrigal High School website.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name of applicant: _____

Date of birth: _____

Current Primary School: _____

To support your application, please provide referee contact details from the applicant's current primary school. The referee should have a strong understanding of the applicant's capacity.

Referee contact name: _____

Contact number: _____

School and position: _____

High Potential and Gifted Domains (please tick appropriate domains)

Intellectual	Creative	Socio-emotional	Physical

Are you also applying for a place in the Targeted Sporting Program? Yes / No.

Name of parent(s)/Carer(s): _____

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Other: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____(H)

_____ (W)

_____ (M)

Email address: _____

Parent / Carer signature: _____

Date: _____

Expressions of Interest close: Wednesday May 31st 2023

Please return EOI to THS front office or via email (terrigan-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
with attention to James Blanch