Selection

Selection for the Gifted and Talented Program will on the basis of:

- Standardised testing
- Teacher nomination
- Parent nomination
- Student nomination

Students from Roma Mitchell Secondary College, other secondary schools and primary schools are invited to apply.

Education of Gifted and Talented Students

Key principles

Roma Mitchell Secondary College is committed to supporting all students to develop to their full potential. We recognize that:

- Gifted students require challenges which match their diverse cognitive, social, emotional and physical needs and abilities. Significant support in the form of an appropriate curriculum and trained staff in a safe positive environment is required to ensure that their potential comes to fruition.
- Gifted students are more challenged and motivated when they interact with students who have similar abilities and interests.
- Gifted students have a wide range of interests but are not necessarily gifted in everything.
- Gifted students benefit from programs that integrate a range of high order thinking skills in their learning.
- Identification strategies need to identify their specific abilities and also their needs for counselling and vocational services.

Middle Years (Years 8-10)

- Identified gifted students will be placed in a class with other gifted and talented students or join it later depending on their progress and success.
- In consultation with families students may be added to or withdrawn from the class throughout the year if it is in the best interest of the student.
- Students will study Language and Literature, Mathematics, Sciences and Individuals and Societies as a class. Then they will join with the other students in their year level for their other subjects.
- The Program thereby provides a healthy balance of learning with their intellectual peers and activities with other students.
- The Gifted and Talented Program will:
  - Challenge students to study at greater depth and speed.
  - Provide enrichment and extension courses within the school and with community based services.
  - Provide acceleration into higher year levels, where appropriate and in the student’s best interest.

Senior Years (Years 11 – 12)

It is anticipated that students will be able to utilise a wide range of special opportunities in their senior secondary years, including university studies. These decisions will be made according to each student’s interest, abilities and social development and will also take into account the students’ needs to gain the highest possible tertiary entrance selection score, to ensure successful entry into their chosen university courses.

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The Right Environment

Gifted and Talented students need a positive, safe school environment as well as a specialised gifted and talented program in order to realize their talents. Grouping these students together promotes a culture of high achievement and success.

Roma Mitchell Secondary College has built a Culture of Achievement in which students respect learning, desire and work for success which is publicly recognized and rewarded.

Anti—Harassment

Roma Mitchell Secondary College is extremely clear and firm that harassment in any form is unacceptable. The school encourages students to stand up to any harassment, to report it immediately. Firm disciplinary action will be taken promptly.

Specialist Teachers

Teachers for the Gifted and Talented Program are specially selected for their teaching ability, empathy and supportive approach and will receive ongoing training in teaching Gifted and Talented students. These teachers work collaboratively to share teaching strategies to further support students to be successful.

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