



Year 8 HPGE Program

High Potential and Gifted Education

Burwood Girls High School 2021





Why are we running it?

We are running a program this year due to the high demand for extension opportunities in Year 8, as there has not been a specific HPGE program on offer for a few years.

The purpose of the program is to bridge the gap between the existing Year 7 HPGE program (previously known as GAT) and the opportunity to choose electives such as Futures Learning in Years 9 & 10.

We hope that by participating in the program, students will get an opportunity to develop their existing talents and build new skills whilst inspiring others to make a positive change in the world.

There are many different way to be “gifted”

This year, the newly established Year 8 program will be focusing on extending students in one or more of the four domains of potential as outlined in the Department of Education High Potential and Gifted Education Policy (Intellectual, Creative, Social - Emotional and Physical).

4 Domains of potential

The High Potential and Gifted Education Policy recognises that students can demonstrate excellence in 4 domains of potential.



Intellectual




Creative



Social-Emotional



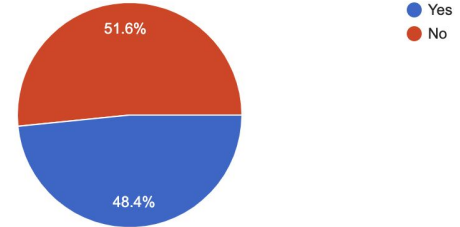
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Year 10 Futures Learning surveyed the school in 2020 and the results have helped to develop this program.

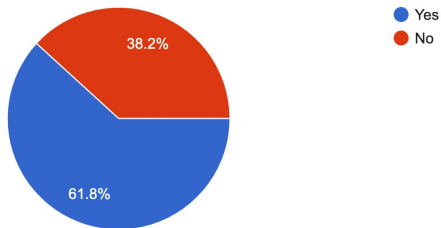
Do you feel like you are being pushed to your full potential in your mandatory classes?

157 responses



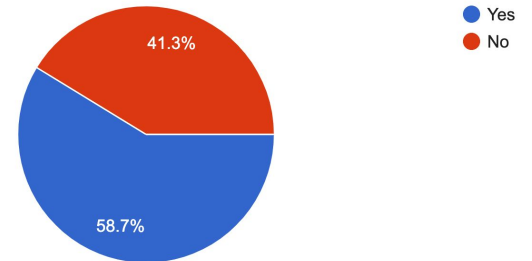
If there was an opportunity offered for High Potential and Gifted Students for your year group, would you want to participate?

157 responses



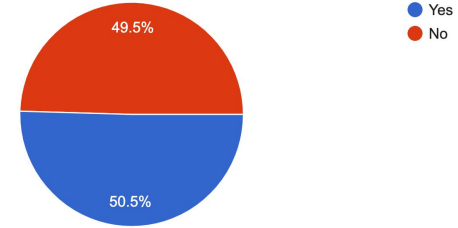
Have you participated in any previous extension opportunities?

155 responses

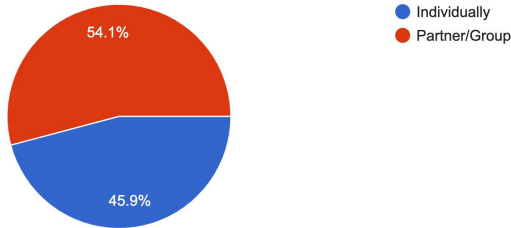


The responses were mixed, so the program allows you to make choices about **how** you participate and with **who**.

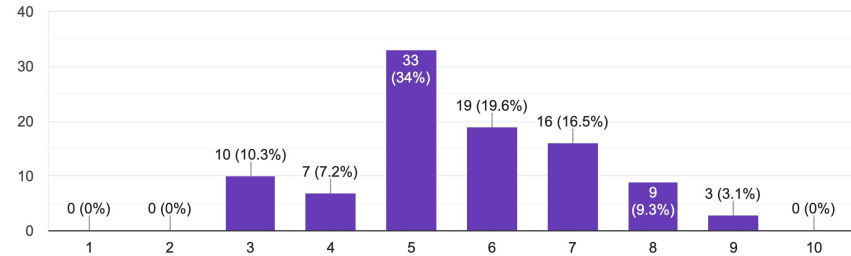
Would you like to work with people in other year groups?
109 responses



Would you prefer to work individually or with a partner/group?
109 responses



How much guidance would you want/need?
97 responses





What choices do you have?

The program allows students to:

- **Identify** which of the domains of potential they would like to focus on (intellectual, creative, social - emotional, physical or a combination of any).
- **Select** a social issue they would like to focus on. This could be as local as reducing our waste in the school to as world-wide as ending poverty.
- **Decide** whether they would like to work individually or with a partner or small group.



What is required?

Then students need to:

- **Design** and produce a way to educate and inspire other people to make a positive change based on their chosen domain/s. For example, you could:
 - Create an awareness video
 - Write and deliver a Ted Talk
 - Choreograph a dance
 - Develop an advertising campaign
 - Write a thesis
 - Run a fundraiser
 - Run a marathon to raise awareness and funds for a chosen cause.
- **Present** their end result at the Year 7 & 8 HPGE Expo to an audience of family and peers on Tuesday 12 October.



What else do you need to know?

- We must emphasise that members of the HPGE Program do not attend a separate class and **the program will run during your other timetabled classes**. This means you will have to keep up to date with your regular work as well as completing this project.
- You will meet with the program coordinator Mrs Welsh **once a week** at a nominated time to discuss the progress of your project and seek any support required.
- You will be working largely independently, guided by Mrs Welsh, as well as being mentored by the Year 10 Futures Learning Students.



How do I get selected?

This selection process for participation includes:

- Students self nomination via Google Form
- Parent nomination via Google Form
- Teachers' professional judgement
- Interview with HPGE Coordinator

If students or parents would like to be considered for inclusion in the program, please complete the following Google Form by Friday 19 February:
<https://forms.gle/wCTFQmdT9AqTJ71LA>

If you have any questions, email ana.welsh2@det.nsw.edu.au