



Gifted and Talented Unit Fact sheet

Curriculum Support and Professional Learning for K–12 teachers in NSW

The main responsibilities of the Gifted and Talented Unit in the Curriculum K–12 Directorate are to support the implementation of the *Gifted and Talented Policy* and the development of extension programs.

Curriculum support

The Gifted and Talented Unit provides advice and support to all levels of the Department and to parents. It provides leadership through demonstrating gifted education approaches to other Australian jurisdictions and internationally. A broad range of gifted education programs are provided in the areas of:

- policy
- identification of students
- curriculum - a gifted and talented educational perspective is incorporated in curriculum support materials developed in each Key Learning Area (KLA)
- selective schools and opportunity classes (OC) - selection processes and staff professional learning
- regional and school staff professional learning
- student initiatives.

2008 focus areas include:

- development of tools for policy monitoring and evaluation
- support for extension programs to enhance achievement outcomes for gifted students from Kindergarten to Year 12
- building of leadership capacity in regions

- provision of teacher professional learning in gifted education including the development and piloting of an online program
- designing curriculum for gifted students consistent with Curriculum Planning, Programming, Assessment and Reporting Policy requirements using the *Quality Teaching* framework
- publication of web-based resources and further development of the gifted and talented web pages.

Professional learning workshops

One-day regional workshops are designed to support teachers K–12 in the strategies for curriculum differentiation. These are being conducted in all regions throughout 2008.

These workshops provide practical strategies for the development of differentiated programs for gifted and talented students in Years K–12 focussing on the NSW *Quality Teaching* model and assessment.

For information about workshops currently being offered please go to our Internet booking site:

<<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/prolearn08/index.htm>>

Website

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<<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/gats/index.htm>>

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