



Innovative Learning Pathways

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## Opportunities for our Academic Talent Pathway

Tweed River High School promotes engagement and challenge for every student in every classroom across intellectual, creative, social-emotional and physical domains of potential, while explicitly identifying and addressing the learning needs of Academic Talent students.

Our Academic Talent Program (ATP) is comprised of a range of initiatives across Year 7, designed to provide pathways for our students. Accelerative strategies such as curriculum compacting, mentoring, and telescoping supplement extension or enrichment of classroom learning encourage and nurture excellence.

To develop the talents of our ATP students at Tweed River High School, we employ a range of teaching and learning strategies that build upon current learning strategies. These strategies can include flexible grouping, to ensure ATP students often work with like-minded peers, coupled with differentiated curriculum using explicit instructional techniques. Teachers are trained in pedagogical practice to provide lesson structure, content, and assessment to enhance student outcomes.

Entry into the Year 7 ATP class will be determined through the following process:

### 1. Submission of Application – due by 3pm 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

### 2. Placement Test – 24<sup>th</sup> July 3.30 - 4.30pm

The *Australian Council of Educational Research General Ability Test (AGAT)* is an online test to assess students' general reasoning ability. Students will be provided with a computer to access this test at our school. The test assesses students' reasoning skills in three areas:

- Verbal
- Numerical
- Abstract (visual)

### 3. Letter outlining why you would like to be in the ATP class

Students are then asked to write a letter to Tweed River High School's Principal; Mrs Donna Riley outlining what they would like to achieve in the Year 7 ATP program and what skills they would like to enhance whilst at Tweed River High School.

### 4. Interview

Students who are successful to move to the interview stage will be notified via email. Parents will need to contact the school to make an interview booking during the 5<sup>th</sup> of August – 16<sup>th</sup> August. The panel will consist of the principal and ATP team.

### Selection and Offers

The Year 7 ATP class will be determined by a panel using the above information. Successful applicants will be required to respond indicating whether they intend to accept their place in this program.



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**Supporting Documentation**

Please supply the following information with your letter on the day of examination:-

- Complete all sections of the application form
- Year 5 NAPLAN results
- Year 6 Semester 1 report
- Handwritten letter to the principal at Tweed River High School
- I am available to attend the placement test on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm
- I understand that should I be offered a place in the ATP Program, it is a requirement that I display appropriate behaviour and attitude across all areas of learning at school. I am aware that should my behaviour be less than exemplary, I may be at risk of losing my position within the ATP Program.

Name of the parent/carer:.....

Parent Signature:..... Date:.....

Student Signature:..... Date: .....



