

Enrichment & Enhancement Opportunities for Gifted and 'Likely' Gifted Students

Enrichment & extension opportunities are provided for students who have been identified as gifted or 'likely' gifted, based on need, interest & available resources. These include classroom extension, additional school extension & external enrichment programs.

The following are some options that may suit the needs of students who have been identified as gifted using a cognitive assessment or shown they are 'likely' gifted.

Extension in the Classroom

The classroom teacher provides differentiated instruction to students of all abilities, including the highly capable. This differentiation may include:

Modified Tasks and/or Assessments

The student/s completes learning tasks and/or assessments that are similar to the class but have additional complexity.

Compacted Curriculum

The classroom teacher provides learning opportunities for this student/s at a faster pace than the rest of the class/cohort.

Streamed Maths Groups

Students in Years 3-6 are organised in flexible ability groupings which are evaluated each term. The classroom teacher provides learning opportunities for the highly capable group of students at a faster pace than the rest of the cohort. Critical & creative thinking skills are a key feature in guiding the direction of learning in these extension groups.

Additional School Extension

Critical & Creative Thinking Enrichment Groups

A group of students is provided the opportunity to engage with a short-term creative & critical thinking skills program, outside the regular classroom, to enhance learning through the development of higher order thinking skills.

Independent Inquiry Project - The student/group decides on an area of interest. They are mentored to develop independent research skills.

Acceleration in one or more Curriculum areas - The student attends class as part of a higher year level for one or more curriculum areas.

Acceleration to a higher year level

The student's enrolment is officially moved to a higher year level.

Enrichment Programs

Students are selected to attend enrichment days based on ability & interest. The school hosts Brainways Days of Excellence twice a year. These days provide intensive extension with like-minded students in the region. Other opportunities include Opti-minds, Debating, Regional Challenge Days, STEM inquiry projects & various competitions.

Miami State School draws upon the "Australian Curriculum General Capability – Critical & Creative Thinking" in designing quality enrichment and enhancement programs.



The Queensland Association for Gifted and Talented Children (QAGTC) provides information and support for families of gifted and talented children. More information can be found at <http://qactc.org.au/>

For further information regarding enrichment, enhancement and extension opportunities at Miami SS, please contact your child's teacher or relevant Deputy Principal on 55954888

Enrichment & Enhancement of Learning at Miami State School



Opportunities to enhance, enrich and extend learning for students at Miami State School

Enrichment & Enhancement

Opportunities at Miami State School

Miami SS provides a wide variety of enrichment & enhancement opportunities for all students. These include a range of academic, sports & arts pursuits.

Academic Opportunities

Science Competition – For science-minded students, Miami has an annual science competition. Entries are displayed at school during National Science Week. Students are also invited to enter the Griffith University Science Competition.

Debating – Students in Year 6 have the opportunity to participate in a debating team competition with other schools in our area.

Language Speaking Competition – Japanese

Students in Years 5&6 are encouraged to take part in this annual event.

ICAS – International Competitions & Assessments for Schools

All students from Years 2-6 have the opportunity to participate in the Science, English and Mathematics tests conducted by the University of New South Wales. Students in Years 3-6 may also participate in the Digital Technologies, Spelling & Writing tests. This offers a challenge to students in a formal testing situation and provides Australian-wide results.

Opti-minds – Students are given the chance to join a team to participate in the Opti-minds Team Challenge.

Critical & Creative Thinking Enrichment

Students may be invited to participate in short-term extension groups based on interest & ability.

Public Speaking Competition - Students in Years 1-6 are all encouraged to participate in the Miami SS Public Speaking Competition.

We are very proud of the consistently high standards demonstrated by our students.

Arts Opportunities

Specialist Programs: Music, Drama and Dance.

Choirs – Little Voices, Junior Choir, Senior Choir

Instrumental Music– Strings -Junior & Senior, Bands- Junior, Senior & Miami Rock Band

Music Evenings are held each semester to showcase our talented musicians

'So You Think You Can' - a school talent quest which offers students an opportunity to perform drama, dance, poetry or musical items.

Talented Arts Program (TAP)

Students in Years 4-6 may choose to participate in before school lessons within the areas of Performing and Visual Arts. These are delivered by professional art, drama and music teachers and are an extension of the regular school program.

Eisteddfods - Each year our performance teams participate in a variety of Eisteddfod competitions, such as choir, band, dance and choral speaking.

Our school has great success at the annual Gold Coast Eisteddfod.

Sports Opportunities

Talented Sports Program (TSP)

Students from Years 4—6 are offered the opportunity to be in a talented sports' program. Classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00-9:30am. Students select from a range of sporting activities such as surfing, swimming, tennis, basketball, soccer, touch football and cricket. Linking with external professional athletes, teams and coaches from the community, students are able to extend their skills to a higher level.

Cluster, District, Regional, State & National Swimming, Cross Country, Athletics & Team Sports.

Other Extra-Curricular Opportunities

We offer a range of lunch time activities/clubs. These often include chess club, drumming, art club, skipping, groovy groups, Miami Mentors & SCRATCH Club.

Miami SS Identification process for 'Likely' Gifted Students

- The student is identified as potentially gifted by teachers and/or parents.
- Teachers and parents collect information on student ability/ performance & may complete further assessments.
- Student's data & referral presented at Personalised Learning Committee meeting.
- Feedback given to teachers & parents as to whether the data currently indicates that the student is 'likely' gifted or whether further assessment is required. The Guidance Officer may assist in this process if necessary.
- Enrichment and extension opportunities are provided for the student based on need, interest and available resources.

What should I do if I think my child is highly capable or academically gifted?

- Record some information that demonstrates how your child exhibits gifted characteristics.
- Collect samples of work that show your child's capability.
- Contact your child's class teacher & ask to be provided with a referral form and checklist.
- Complete the checklist & referral form and return to your child's teacher.
- Your child's teacher will take this information to the appropriate Deputy Principal to organise a Personalised Learning Committee (PLC) referral.
- Following the PLC meeting, you will be informed if & when further assessments are recommended for your child.