

GIFTED ONLINE COURSES

IN TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

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Did you know?

The Department of Education provides Gifted Online courses free to schools. This assists teachers in meeting the needs of gifted and highly able learners. Courses are available in most curriculum areas for students Prep to Year 10.

The courses are delivered online using Canvas by teachers who are experienced in working with gifted and highly able students. Gifted Online Delivery Teachers design challenging learning tasks. They provide opportunities for students to problem-solve and learn with others online and face-to-face.

About Gifted Online courses

- Gifted Online courses are available to gifted and highly able learners in Prep to Year 10.
- As the courses are online, they provide a way for gifted and highly able learners from all around the state to connect.
- Some Gifted Online courses provide significant extension in one area of the Australian Curriculum.
- In other courses the learning experiences address content from a range of curriculum areas and provide extra breadth in the curriculum.
- Many of the Gifted Online courses develop students' skills in areas that are described in the General Capabilities of the Australian Curriculum. These include Critical and Creative thinking, Literacy, Numeracy and ICT.
- The learning tasks, discussions and projects designed by the Gifted Online Delivery Teachers extend students' understanding, challenge their thinking and further develop their skills and interests.

How do the courses work?

- A gifted and highly able learner may be enrolled by their class teacher to participate in a Gifted Online course.
- Students are selected based on their need for extension in a particular area of the curriculum (e.g. Mathematics), or to engage their interest in an area of passion (e.g. robotics).
- Each course is taught by a Gifted Online Delivery Teacher who creates the learning tasks, and provides feedback on the work learners they submit online.
- Each school with learners enrolled in Gifted Online courses provide a support person in the school. They work face-to-face with the learners to support them with setting goals, selecting learning tasks and ensuring active participation.
- Schools provide the technology required for students to engage with online learning and equipment that may be required for a course.
- Classroom teachers provide time for their students to engage with Gifted Online tasks, usually one hour per week.
- Students are also able to access their online classroom from home or wherever internet access is available.
- Gifted Online Delivery Teachers use online communication tools to provide students with feedback on their learning, to ask and respond to questions, and to give guidance where required.
- Students use a range of online communication tools to engage in discussions with other students in their course in a safe, supportive environment that values innovative thinking.
- Students are issued with a certificate of participation at the completion of their Gifted Online course.



Where can I get more information?

- Enquire at your school about the provisions made to extend and enrich learning for gifted and highly able learners.
- If the school does offer Gifted Online courses, the principal will be able to give you more details about how they operate and how students are selected in the school.
- If you think that your child needs extra extension in a curriculum area, discuss this with your classroom teacher and explore the different options.

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