

STEM+ Enrichment Class

High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) Program

Waverley Public School is introducing a High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) class for students in Years 5 and 6. The enrichment class promotes engagement and challenge, with a focus on growing academic achievement across the curriculum. Learning has a particular focus on the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Building on strong practices, the program maximises learning through an enriched or extended curriculum.

This is a full-time enrichment class. The learning is developed to challenge high potential and gifted students in Years 5 and 6 beyond the typical level of same-aged students.

The class will commence in 2026. Students currently in Years 4 and 5 from all school sectors may apply for 2026 entry. Applications close 5pm on Thursday 23 October 2025.

Questions you may be wondering...

What will the program involve?

- A co-educational High Potential and Gifted Education class for students in Years 5 and 6.
- The class will extend and enrich students in STEM and all learning areas.
- In a unique offering, students will be taught by a specialist STEM teacher and a trained high potential and gifted education teacher.
- Students will participate in advanced project-based work to extend their skills in critical thinking and problem solving, collaboration, communication and creativity.

How is entry determined?

- Entry is assessed by academic merit on indicators such as NAPLAN results, school reports and standardised assessments.
- In 2025, the standardised assessment session will take place on Saturday 25 October 2025 or Monday 3 November 2025 at Waverley Public School.

Who can apply?

- Students in Years 4 and 5 from all school sectors who satisfy entry requirements (as determined above) may apply.

What benefits does a STEM+ class offer?

- Students are most excited when they learn at their level.
- Students' learning is enhanced when they work with like-minded, motivated and capable peers.
- Project-based learning promotes higher-order thinking, creativity, teamwork and problem solving.
- The STEM+ class offers this and more.

When does the program begin?

- The program will commence in 2026.
- Applications for 2027 entry will be advertised from Term 1, 2026.

STEM+ class enrolments and siblings

- Enrolment in the STEM+ class is by selection process only.
- Sibling enrolment is supported provided eligibility requirements are satisfied.

How will the STEM+ class benefit Waverley Public School students?

- The STEM+ class places a whole school further focus on high potential learning.
- The specialist STEM teacher will work with classes across the school.
- This program and its resources are strongly supported by the P&C.

Joining the Waverley Public School community

- We know that Waverley Public School is a wonderful school community to belong to and wish to reassure you that there are other options for joining us.
- Local and non-local enrolment applications can be submitted via the school website.
- If a place is not available for the STEM+ program in 2026, students may re-apply for the program the following year.

How do I find out more?

- If you have further questions, contact the school via email (waverley-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone 9389 4843.



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