

In the Opportunity Class we endeavour to:

Integrate *new learning into real world situations*

Nurture *students' social and emotional needs*

Strive *for excellence in all we do*

Provide *opportunities in a range of curriculum areas*

Inform *parents/carers of opportunities available*

Recognise *the unique gifts and talents of students*

Explore *a range of learning styles*

How is the Opportunity Class meeting the needs of gifted children?

- Providing challenging learning experiences
- Promoting higher order thinking and problem solving skills
- Providing opportunities for divergent thinking and in-depth analysis of topics
- Participating in project based learning
- Encouraging and developing communication skills

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STAGE 3 OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2022

Thinking of applying
for Year 5 enrolment in
the Northern
Tablelands'
Opportunity Class?



What does the Opportunity Class offer?

Armidale Community of School's Stage 3 Opportunity Class at Armidale City Public School uses texts, teaching techniques and resources that are suitable for students with higher academic merit.

The Opportunity Class encourages students to achieve at their academic potential. The class also allows students within it to form social and academic networks to help and challenge each other. The Opportunity Class is involved in many enrichment and extension programs such as:

- ✓ Tournament of Minds
- ✓ Primary Research Project
- ✓ Kids Literature Quiz
- ✓ Math Olympiad
- ✓ Da Vinci Decathlon
- ✓ Festival of the Famous
- ✓ Premier's Debating Challenge
- ✓ Multicultural Public Speaking
- ✓ ICAS Competitions
- ✓ Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition

How and why is the learning different?

The Opportunity Class offers a differentiated curriculum where students learn at a faster rate and can develop autonomous learning skills through a variety of styles of learning.

Some characteristics of Gifted & Talented students...

- ✓ Learns rapidly
- ✓ Excellent memory
- ✓ Creative or imaginative
- ✓ Independent
- ✓ Sense of humour
- ✓ Highly motivated
- ✓ Advanced interests
- ✓ Critical thinker
- ✓ Superior leader
- ✓ Questions
- ✓ Socially and morally responsible
- ✓ Advanced vocabulary
- ✓ Draws inferences
- ✓ Advanced reader



How do I apply for a position for my child in the Opportunity Class?

Parents must apply when the students are in Year 4. The High Performing Students Unit in Sydney manages the application and placement process.

The application process is available from April 2022. Parents/Carers must apply online during this time at the Unit's website:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Students are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test, which is usually conducted in late July. The High Performing Students Unit will advise candidates where they will need to take this test.

Alternatively you can contact the High Performing Students Unit.
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
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For further information about the Opportunity Class program contact Matt Hobbs at Armidale Network Office on 67764100.