

Academic Extension Opportunities for Pittwater House Students



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Junior School

GATEWAYS Eureka Program - Students in Years 1 to 6

GATEWAYS is an external program provider which runs extension days hosted at local schools once a term. Each term has a particular focus. Based on teacher recommendations, a small number of students are offered this opportunity off-site. Participation cannot be guaranteed as places are allocated to a number of schools.

Da Vinci Decathlon - Students in Years 5 and 6

Hosted and run by Knox Grammar School in late May, this competition is a high level academic competition across a range of areas for student teams from schools across New South Wales. Nomination is by class teachers and the teams are selected on getting the best combination of abilities in the team.

GATEway 8 Competition - Students in Years 5 and 6

Hosted and run by Macarthur Anglican School in August, this competition also invites School teams of eight across a range of academic and creative areas to compete. Nomination is by class teachers and the teams are selected with the aim of getting the best combination of abilities in the team.

Senior School

Da Vinci Decathlon - Students in Years 7-11

Hosted and run by Knox Grammar School in late May, this competition is a high level academic competition across a range of areas for student teams from schools across New South Wales.

Please note: that at this stage Years 9-11 2019 are waitlisted but we are quite confident a spot will become available.

GATEway 8 Competition - Students in Years 7-10

Hosted and run by Macarthur Anglican School in August, this competition also invites School teams of eight to participate across a range of academic and creative areas.

Competition Application Years 7-11

Students are invited to apply for inclusion in **both** these competitions by filling out the Competitions Application form and submitting it to Ms Lovell. Students can request this form from Ms Lovell in person or via email. Applications should be returned to Ms Lovell by Wednesday 10 April. The teams are then selected on getting the best combination of abilities in the team.

Future Problem Solving - Students in Years 7-8 by Application

This internationally recognised competition fosters in students critical and creative thinking and future focused problem-solving with a strong ethical focus. Students learn to approach dilemmas through the 6-step problem-solving process. Invitation to this program is via application by students in Year 7. Applications are assessed on the basis of creativity, flexibility and critical thinking. Information has been emailed to all Year 7 parents.

Please Note: We also offer Community Problem Solving, a variation of the above competition, as a Co-curricular opportunity in Years 8 at this stage.

Subject-specific Competitions

A number of faculties offer competitions and other opportunities to students within their faculties.