



# GIFTED AND TALENTED

Pioneer Village School is proud to be in association with Mensa Australia.

Our multi-age LEAP program allows our like-minded gifted and talented to come together for learning experiences specific to their learning needs. Our LEAP program is designed to enhance potential by converting high ability into high achievement.

Giftedness can go undetected. Gifted children can be labelled as underachievers, introverts, or may have their giftedness masked by a learning difficulty or disability.

Pioneer Village School acknowledges that gifted children are a diverse group of students, and the aim of LEAP is to successfully identify and support this group. We recognise that giftedness is a broad concept that covers a range of abilities, and that ability or giftedness needs to undergo some transformational process if it is to be reflected in high levels of achievement or talent. While there are a number of factors that influence the conversion of gifts into talents, we know that school plays a critical role in giving these students appropriate opportunity, stimulation and experiences in order to develop their potential and translate their gifts into talents.

Pioneer Village School recognises that every student has personal strengths. However, gifted students are recognised as those who achieve in the top 10% in any learning area, standardised tests of achievement or on tests of intellectual potential (Gagne, 2000).

We know that extending students who are already translating their giftedness into talent, and identifying those students who may need further support and encouragement to turn their gifts into talent throughout their time with us is critically important.

Don't let your child miss out on the education they need to reach their potential.

Please make an appointment to find out more about how we support our Gifted and Talented students.

*"AT PIONEER VILLAGE SCHOOL WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF IDENTIFYING GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN AND PROVIDING EDUCATION SPECIFIC TO THEIR LEARNING NEEDS."*

