

Early Years & Primary School Learning Extension



SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Westminster School STRETCH Centre

Westminster School recognises that each child's learning needs are unique. The Westminster School STRETCH Centre was established in 1998 to address individual learning needs within the School and to complement the way these needs are met within the classroom.

The STRETCH program involves classroom withdrawal for students in the primary school who require learning support or enrichment and extension to their learning. All students undergo a comprehensive testing program at the commencement of the year. It is from this testing that students are identified as needing either learning support, or enrichment and extension. Identification also continues throughout the year, allowing for those students who may show their particular talents or learning needs in other ways, and at different times.

The STRETCH Centre also develops programs aimed at catering for the individual needs of students in the classroom environment throughout the School.

Enrichment and Extension

For students who are gifted in a range of areas, we offer programs of enrichment and extension that may include science and technology, visual and critical thinking skills, creative problem solving, mathematics, language and debating.

Tailored Curriculum

Some students require a more specific individual learning program involving either intensive support or some form of accelerated learning. The STRETCH Centre helps to prepare such a program, negotiating appropriate curriculum and liaising with the teachers, parents and students involved. The Learning Assistance Program (LAP) is also coordinated by STRETCH and serves to add another dimension in our response to individual learning needs at Westminster School.

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Students in need of academic support have access to a range of programs in the areas of language, mathematics, social skills or other specialised areas.

