



G.A.T.E.WAYS
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The 2012 G.A.T.E.WAYS Brainwaves Club

The Brainwaves Club is based on the philosophy that highly able and gifted children have particular needs for stimulation and challenge that match their high level of curiosity and desire to learn. In addition, children with specialized skills and talents in advance of their age peers need both affirmation of these abilities and opportunities for talent development

These children also need opportunities to mix with like-minded peers and to form rewarding friendships that further foster their interests, social skills and self-esteem. The need for a high level of mental challenge and stimulation is sometimes not fully appreciated with young children. They may not show advancement in all areas. G.A.T.E.WAYS clubs also seek to provide a setting that promotes positive social interactions, self-confidence and pleasure in learning. All curriculum areas- science, maths, language, technology, philosophy, creative arts and more are offered. Clubs are designed to be challenging, but most of all, fun.

Venue: Canberra Grammar School, Alexander Street, Red Hill, ACT 2603

Club Meeting Dates:

Semester 1:	18/2	3/3	17/3	31/3	12/5	26/5	9/6	23/6
Semester 2:	11/08	25/08	8/09	22/9	27/10	10/11	24/11	8/12

Club Meeting Times: 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm.

Fees: Semester 1: \$455.00 (includes GST) payable on application and confirmation of place.
 A 5% discount is available for **each** sibling member – per semester- \$432.25
OR a 5% discount is available for annual fee payments in advance - non-refundable - \$864.50 .
OR a **non-refundable deposit** of \$100.00 before 23 December 2011 to secure a place and the balance to be paid by 31 January 2012.

Nomination: G.A.T.E.WAYS requests that parents arrange for an appropriate person (eg.a teacher) to fill in the nomination section. This is to verify that the applicant is highly able. That way, parents and club leaders can be confident that the children will not only enjoy being members of the club but will benefit from the experience. In the past we have felt that some children were not able to cope with the program content which has impacted on their club experience. Further to this, **DinoMites** club members will require a teacher nominee to complete a checklist.

2012 CLUBS

Club	Year Level	Club Focus
DinoMites	1	Cross curricular
Apprentices	2/3	Books/writing/drama/philosophy
SciSpies	2/3	Maths/science/technology
Tolkiens	4/5/6	Books/writing/drama/philosophy
Einsteins	4/5/6	Maths/science/technology

ABOUT THE CLUBS

DINOMITES

Albert Einstein believed that imagination was more important than knowledge. At DinoMites, developing our imagination and creativity is at the heart of all we do. As we open up issues and explore a broad range of concepts and ideas, the DinoMites will develop practical thinking skills that are fun and easy to learn. DinoMites will be immersed in a rich learning experience that spans across all curriculum areas- science, maths, language, technology, philosophy, creative arts and more. The program will allow for flexible learning styles and will encourage the development of language and communication skills in various forms.



MATHS / SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY – SCISPIES and EINSTEINS

Children enrolling in these Clubs will participate in a range of engaging topics over the semester. Our groups are the **SciSpies** (Years 2/3), and **Einsteins** (Years 4/5/6). Over two semesters members may (depending on selection):

- hypothesize and experiment
- use abstract thinking and open-ended questions
- practise logical thinking and problem solving
- be involved in 'hands-on' activities
- build on their knowledge of science and technology and discover wide ranging forms of mathematical thinking



BOOKS / WRITING / DRAMA / PHILOSOPHY – APPRENTICES and TOLIKENS

Children who demonstrate advanced language skills with a passion for reading and writing, as well as a love of drama and creative pursuits, can enrol in **Apprentices** (Years 2/3) or **Tolkiens** (Years 4/5/6)

Over the year, children may:

- read, write and talk about books and learn more about literature
- explore different genres of writing
- develop their vocabularies
- communicate and debate
- be exposed to philosophical discussion and enhance their performance skills



Program outlines and application forms will be available at www.gateways.edu.au on the 19th December 2012 or by phoning our Canberra office on 0409 099 374 or 02 6260 7447. Alternatively contact Winifred Hanson on canberra@gateways.edu.au to register your child now.