



## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

# About G.A.T.E.WAYS Programs

Our program provides an extension and enrichment opportunity for your high ability students. The workshops are designed to meet the specific needs of gifted and talented students and cover topics both above and beyond the school curriculum.

G.A.T.E.WAYS runs extensive programming for primary school students, to lower secondary. We currently run programs in ACT, NSW, QLD, SA and VIC and are about to offer programs in TAS and WA. We offer both on-site and on-line programs.

G.A.T.E.WAYS programs are based on the philosophy that highly able and gifted children have particular needs for stimulation and challenge that match their high level of curiosity, cognitive ability and desire to learn.

G.A.T.E.WAYS believes that children with specialised skills and talents in advance of their age and peers need both affirmation of these abilities and opportunities for challenge and talent development.

**Our presenters are inspiring and creative educators whose passion and depth of knowledge is truly infectious. In collaboration with our program development team they create unique learning experiences.**

**Workshop content is pitched approximately two years ahead of the regular school curriculum, is fast-paced and hands-on. Each program is designed to harness the presenter's passion and skills into a student-centred exploration of the specific subject area.**

# A snapshot of G.A.T.E.WAYS PROGRAMS

## Teacher Nominated Programs (TN)

- Students are required to be nominated by their teacher/ school to participate.
- Teachers select suitable students who display high-ability, gift/talent and/or passion in the program focus area.
- Parents are sent a **Nomination Letter** via their school and can then enrol their child in the program.
- TN programs run during school time and can be hosted at a school, a centrally located venue, or an industry-specific site (e.g. galleries, Synchrotron, recording studio, ACMI, etc.).

## Parents Nominated Programs (PN)

- Parents can enrol their child directly without a nomination from the child's school.
- PN programs generally run outside of school hours (e.g. holidays, weekends, and afternoons).
- PN programs can be hosted at a school or a centrally located venue.

TN

GATEWAYS  
EUREKA

Students participate in two workshops over the course of one day. Students participate with like-ability and like-minded peers from surrounding schools.

TN

GATEWAYS  
IGNITE

Students participate in two workshops over the course of one day. Only students from the host school can participate in the workshops.

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GATEWAYS  
NAVIGATE

Deep dive into a subject over four consecutive weeks. Only students from the host school can participate in the workshops.

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GATEWAYS  
THE CHALLENGE

A national team-based competition for Years 3–6. Students compete to solve four challenges.

TN

GATEWAYS  
ON LOCATION

On Locations take students out of the classroom and into different learning environments. Students learn at museums, galleries, and more!

PN

GATEWAYS  
FESTIVALS

Festivals offer a wide range of exciting workshops with an emphasis on fun and discovery.

TN

GATEWAYS  
JOURNEYS

10-hour program run for half days over four consecutive weeks. Students dive deep into a topic.

PN

GATEWAYS  
LEADERSHIP

A two day series of programs. Students complete three intensive leadership workshops each day of the series.

PN

GATEWAYS  
The BRAINWAVES Club

A Saturday club for like-minded students. A variety of clubs run at different venues for a range of age groups and focus areas. Different learning areas happen at once.

PN

GATEWAYS  
ONLINE

Online established in 2020 to meet a need for flexible, remote learning options for high-ability students regardless of where they live.

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GATEWAYS  
INTERNATIONAL

G.A.T.E.WAYS International was formed in 2012 with the aim of extending our programs to include students attending International Schools overseas.

# Why host a G.A.T.E.WAYS program?

Hosting a G.A.T.E.WAYS program is an opportunity to demonstrate a school's commitment to the educational needs of gifted and talented students.

- This is an opportunity to raise the profile of a school in the local and the wider community.
- This is an opportunity to offer a host school's students challenge beyond a school's regular program.
- Several states have implemented policies mandating the provision of extension opportunities for high-ability students.
- Providing access to G.A.T.E.WAYS programs reflects well on the host school and contributes to the school's wider provision for their gifted students.
- Host venues typically invite schools from their networks or clusters to participate in programs creating an opportunity for schools to acknowledge together the importance of gifted education.

# General information

If you would like further information please contact Ang Langford on **03 3472 9777** or email **[ang@gateways.edu.au](mailto:ang@gateways.edu.au)**

- G.A.T.E.WAYS has Public Liability cover of \$20,000,000.00.
- G.A.T.E.WAYS presenters are registered with their state's statutory authority for the teaching profession and/or have an Australian Working With Children Check/Blue Card (QLD).
- All G.A.T.E.WAYS staff have completed the Anaphylaxis Course or state equivalent.
- G.A.T.E.WAYS liaises with a nominated person from participating schools.
- The G.A.T.E.WAYS supervisor will be first-aid trained and will come with their own First-Aid kit and the Action Plans of any student at risk of anaphylaxis enrolled in the Program.
- G.A.T.E.WAYS has policies for the wellbeing and safety of children which include:
  - G.A.T.E.WAYS Risk management Plan;
  - Anaphylaxis Management Policy;
  - Photographs of Children and Young People Policy;
  - G.A.T.E.WAYS and the Reportable Conduct Scheme;
  - Child Safe Standards Commitment;
  - Child Safety Policy;
  - and COVID Safe Policy.



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# Ignite program overview

When attending a day-long **Ignite** program, children participate in two workshops based on a theme. Each theme sits within a different focus area. For Ignite programs, schools can choose which focus area they would like each booking. **We are taking school bookings for 2024 now.**

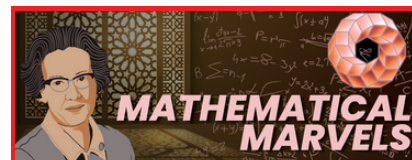
## Science and Investigations

## Language and Literature

## Mathematics and Inquiry

## Critical and Creative Thinking

2024 themes (Click the link to view the Thematic Overview and Selection Criteria)



2023 themes (Click the link to view a sample program of each theme)



# Ignite program overview (continued)

<b>Program duration</b>	<b>This is a one-day program</b> Students participate in two workshops over the course of the day.
<b>Venue</b>	<b>At your school with just your students</b>
<b>Times</b>	<b>We follow your school timetable</b> Parents drop students and collect students as per normal school day. Breaks will also be the same times as the rest of the school.
<b>Teacher Nomination</b>	<b>This is a teacher nominated program</b> Students must receive a nomination before they enrol.
<b>Year levels</b>	<b>Students are grouped into lower years (1, 2, 3) and upper years (4, 5, 6)</b>
<b>Groups</b>	<b>Each group has between 10 to 22 students</b> We run a lower years group and an upper years group on the same day. There is some flexibility with the minimum and maximum numbers.
<b>G.A.T.E.WAYS Team</b>	<b>Two presenters (with their own materials and resources)</b>
<b>Program fee</b>	<b>Fee is usually paid by parents but can be subsidised by schools</b> Please contact the Program Coordinator in your state for the current fee.



# Ignite at your school

Host schools are required to provide two teaching spaces with tables and chairs for 22 students.

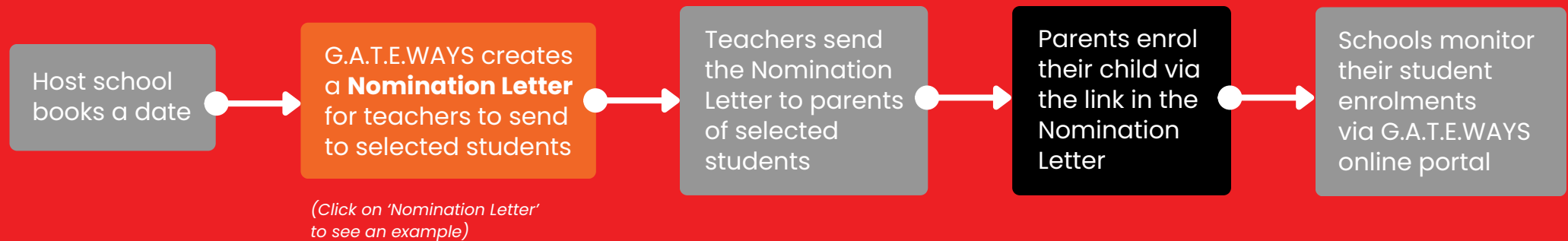
	ROOM 1	ROOM 2
	Lower Years (LY) 10–22 students	Upper Years (UY) 10–22 students
AM	Presenter 1	Presenter 2
PM	Presenter 2	Presenter 1

## G.A.T.E.WAYS will:

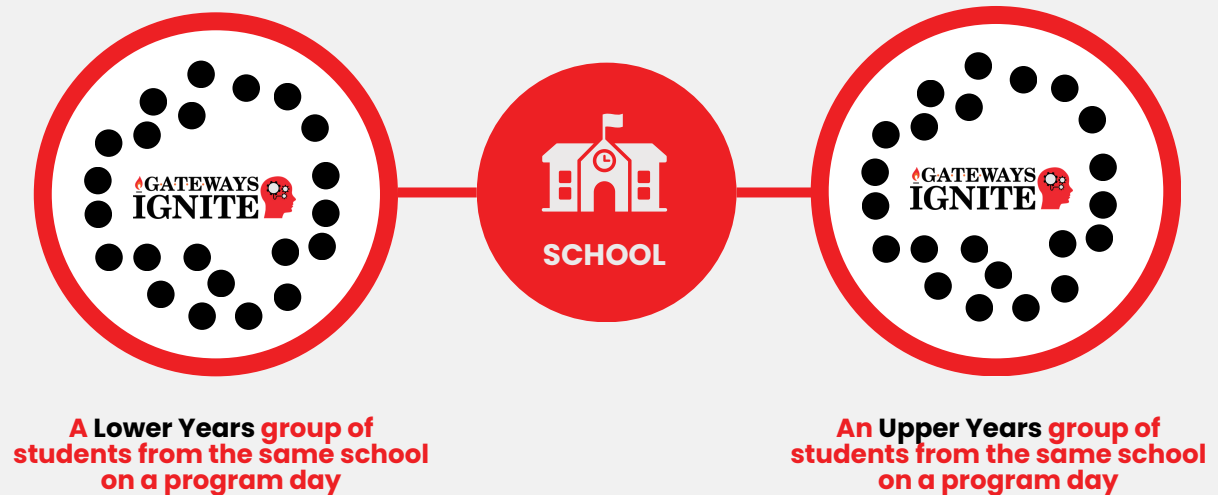
- provide two presenters who come with their own materials and resources;
- manage the student enrolment process;
- and provide schools with access to our portal so teachers can view students who have enrolled from their school.

***Our aim is to impose as little as possible on the schools.***

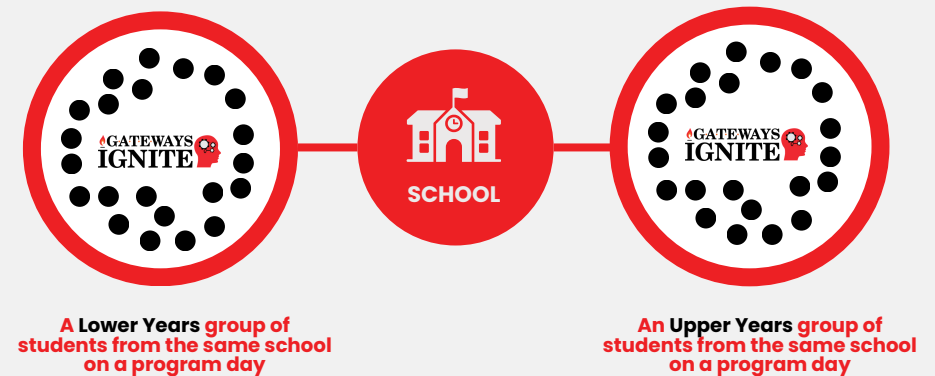
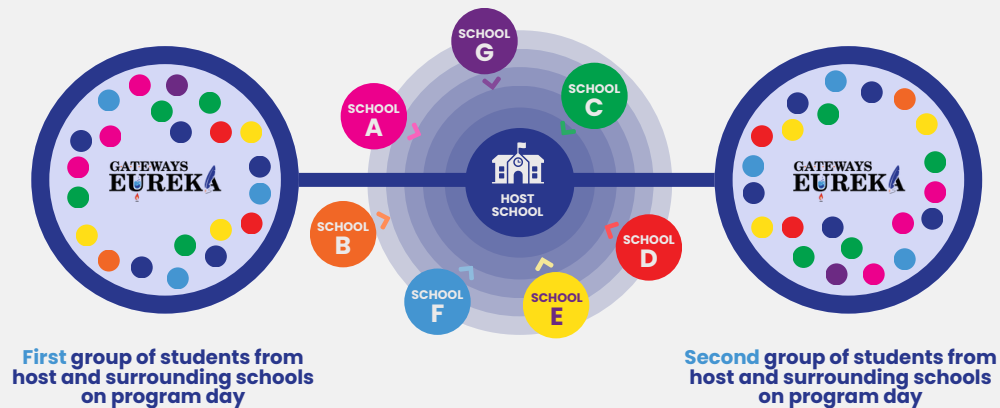
# How Ignite programs work



Example:  
School participating  
in the Ignite program.



# Comparing the Eureka and Ignite programs



- At host school with like-minded peers from surrounding schools.
- We run to a set timetable.
- We provide a supervisor to oversee registration, pick up and break times.
- Provides an opportunity to raise the profile of your school's commitment to the educational needs of gifted and talented students.

- At your school with just your students.
- We run to your school's timetable.
- Very little disruption to the school, simply provide two rooms.