

APPENDIX 6

SUMMARY OF STATE GIFTED EDUCATION PROVISIONS

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VICTORIA

Primary program

- Four Mentor schools commenced in 1999 to provide exemplary programs and provide a model for other schools. Are linked to a tertiary institution for research purposes.
- A number of 'Host schools' were selected in 1999 who will indicate readiness to put gifted as a priority.

Secondary program

- At the beginning of 2000, 17 schools offering select entry accelerated learning programs. Coordinator for program in each school.
- University High School commenced in 1981.
- 1,400 students have been through all schools.

Departmental personnel and their responsibility

- Manager of Gifted Education.
- Three Project Officers.
- Local Gifted Network Coordinators, in all 9 regions, provide support for teachers and parents of gifted students. Provide professional development on local level and disseminate information from central gifted section. Coordinators are school based and have all had Phase I training.

Tertiary program

- Limited preservice optional electives.
- Four universities offering post graduate courses.
- Monash - Krongold Centre - offers a range of services for gifted children, their parents and teachers in assessment, identification and counselling.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Primary program

- Learning to Learn Project funds to SHIP cluster schools project 1999-2001. 10 schools R-12 (self funded as well) for fulltime coordinator to provide professional training in thinking skills for all students - identification of gifted students for placement.
- Primary Focus Schools: Lighthouse School Concept.

Secondary program

- Three Special Interest Secondary SHIP schools (current funding allocation \$300,000).
- Combined Pilot program between the Department and Flinders University to ascertain viability of a variety of pathways for gifted secondary students to access university programs (funding \$30,000).
- Lighthouse Schools - Music (4), Languages (1), Agriculture (1)

Departmental personnel and their responsibility

- Curriculum Superintendent - Primary
- Curriculum Officer - Gifted Students - provides management for secondary program.

Tertiary program

- Two universities offer preservice optional elective within teacher training course.
- Flinders University offering postgraduate courses: Graduate Certificate in Gifted Education, Master of Gifted Education, M.A. and Ph.D. programmes in Gifted Education

QUEENSLAND

Primary program

- Five Focus Schools for training, visiting and research (.5 Enrichment Coordinators on staff at each school).

Secondary program

- Three Focus Secondary Schools (plan to expand Focus School program by four more schools in 2000).

Department personnel and their responsibility

- Senior Education Officer (Gifted Education and Talent Development - Student Services Division.
- Two Seconded short term Project Officers for delivery of Professional Development.

Tertiary program

- Two universities offering limited optional subjects.
- Two universities offering postgraduate topics.
- Dual Enrolment - year 12. Students auditing 1st year university subjects - small numbers.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Primary program

- 103 Opportunity Classes for students in last 2 years of Primary School.
- 10,000 applicants for 1,500 places.
- Some 'unofficial' opportunity classes initiated by individual school communities.

Secondary program

- 19 Select entry High Schools.
- Four Agricultural Select Entry High Schools.
- 15,000-16,000 applicants for 3,100 places.

Department personnel and their responsibility

- Manager - Cross Curriculum and Primary Education.
- Senior Education Officer for Gifted and Talented.
- Selective Schools Unit Manager, Senior Education Officer and ancillary staff.

Tertiary program

- Five universities provide graduate Certificate, Masters and Ph.D. in Gifted Education.
- GERRIC (Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre) at the University of NSW offers student assessment and counselling, parent training. Postgraduate courses and research and publication.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Primary program

- Eight cluster district programs out of the 16 districts in WA.
- 16 Primary extension and Challenge (PEAC) centres
- 30 FTE teachers in centres plus ancillary staff
- Direct grant for PEAC centres total \$300,000. Additional allowances over and above directed for ancillary staff and Administrators of PEAC centres.
- \$50,000 pool divided between Districts for professional development, research, etc.

Secondary program

- Secondary Special Placement Program includes 3 Visual Arts, 4 Dance, 1 Drama, 2 Music, 6 Academic (Humanities - Maths and Science) 2 LOTE, 13 Sports schools.
- Funding paid for hourly paid instructors in specialist areas.

Department personnel and their responsibility

- Manager - Gifted and Talented Unit. Centrally coordinates primary and secondary programs and policy and operations.

Tertiary program

- Edith Cowan - offers limited post graduate courses.
- Murdoch - looking at Senior Secondary Pathways and possible establishment of secondary high school on campus (not a Departmental initiative).