

Dear Year 6 Families,

We are excited to introduce the **Pinnacle Program** at Orange High School, launching in 2026 for incoming Year 7 students. This program is an enhanced version of our existing Talent Development Program (TDP), designed to provide **in-zone** high-achieving students with a pathway to academic, sporting, leadership and artistic excellence.

This program will offer enriched learning experiences tailored to students with high potential in intellectual, creative, and performing arts domains. The program aligns with the NSW Department of Education's High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) Policy, ensuring that gifted students are supported through evidence-based practices that enhance their potential and academic success.

As part of the program, students and families will identify one or more of the four domains in which they wish to develop their potential:

- ◆ **Academic**
- ◆ **Sports**
- ◆ **Leadership (Social-Emotional)**
- ◆ **Creative and Performing Arts**

Key Features of the Pinnacle Program:

- ✓ **Challenging Curriculum** – A tailored, high-rigor curriculum fostering critical thinking and creativity.
- ✓ **Enrichment Opportunities** – Access to workshops, guest speakers, and competitions to extend students' skills and interests.
- ✓ **Supportive Environment** – A nurturing space where high-potential learners are encouraged to thrive.

Applications for the Pinnacle Program are now open and must be submitted via our online application form—applications close at 5 PM on May 1. Academic applicants may be required to sit a test. All streams require supporting evidence.

For the Arts stream, please upload **TWO** Pieces of evidence you'd like to share of the student's creative and/or performing arts achievements/abilities. For example, two dances/music performances in different styles or two pieces of Artwork.

[You can find the link to apply here.](#)

We encourage all interested families to apply.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Orange High School on **6362 3444** or **attend our Open Day on March 29th at 9 am.**

Warm regards,

Ali McLennan
Principal
Orange High School