

Gifted and Talented Sporting Students - Sporting Excellence

Designed to provide students who excel in particular sports with knowledge, advice and opportunities to perform better and reach their potential. It will also provide support for their academic framework that enables them to reach both their academic and sporting goals.

The Program aggregates talented young sportsmen and women from Byron Bay High School providing them with:

- General elite coaching advice from experienced coaches and access to modern sports medicine
- Sport Nutrition advice
- Sports Psychology and Motivational techniques
- General Training sessions from elite athletes
- Teaching Staff sympathetic to the unique problems of the sporting champion
- Support in assisting them in coping with absences caused by their sporting commitments
- Support in their endeavour to follow their sporting career
- The opportunity to complete their Secondary Education in the company of peers with similar aspirations, lifestyle and interests

The Talented Sports Program provides students with an opportunity to attain their optimum potential in their chosen sport. It enables them to hone their special talent with access to professionals from the local area that can offer advice and support. This program will support them in their quest to achieve their best results and compete at top level sport.

The course will require students to attend 8 emersion day across the year, 2 per term. This time will be used for, but not restricted to training, seminars, goal setting, nutrition, sports psychology, dealing with injury and more. Academic work that is missed during this time will need to be caught up by the student.

Students participating in the GATS Sporting Excellence program are contracted to maintain satisfactory progress in their academic achievement. . A student found to be unsatisfactory in academic reviews will be withdrawn from the GATS program until such time as they have restored satisfactory results. Students can reapply for entry to the GATS program the following term after academic results are satisfactory and at the Principals discretion.

Students applying for a GATS- Sporting Excellence placement must demonstrate elite ability in a particular sport and must satisfy high standards in attitude, work habits and academic achievement.

All students seeking placement in the GATS - Sporting Excellence program are required to submit an Application Form. The selection process will include physical and skills testing in their nominated sports in addition to an examination of their Student Wellbeing record.

To qualify for the GATS - Sporting Excellence program at Byron Bay High a student must have:

- *an outstanding sporting record or potential*
- *a sound academic record*
- *an excellent attitude towards school*
- *a sound student welfare record.*

*All students seeking placement in the GATS - Sporting Excellence program are required to obtain and Application Package directly from the school. A completed application form must be returned **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY WEEK 9 TERM 4**. The acceptance of a student into the GATS - Sporting Excellence program is dependent upon satisfying both schooling and sporting criteria.*

Application forms can be downloaded from the school website, under Our School Sporting Excellence.