

## **GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS POLICY**

Ridge Valley aims to give gifted and talented students the opportunity to achieve their full potential by providing a range of rewarding educational experiences, both in the classroom and in the broader community.

We identify gifted and talented students within the school. Our focus remains on the needs of gifted and talented students and select from the range of program options to meet the unique needs of each student. We place the teaching of gifted and talented students within the parameters of the total school program. Our goal is to provide extension and enrichment opportunities such as curriculum content acceleration, special ability groupings, individual learning contracts, mentoring and varied teaching strategies (thinking skills curriculum). It is important to raise school community awareness and promote positive attitudes towards gifted and talented students and their education. So, we utilize appropriate agencies and persons in the school and broader community. Teaching staff also gets appropriate resources to support the students. Ridge Valley school provide gifted and talented students with a fulfilling and challenging education commensurate with their abilities.