

A Carey Education

Carey Baptist College's founding campus, Carey Harrisdale, provides education from Kindergarten to Year 12. Over the past 25 years, Carey Harrisdale has grown to educate 1,500 students every year and has consistently achieved exceptional educational outcomes. The size of our College allows for us to offer a variety of excellent programs, subjects and opportunities, while still allowing our staff to connect and engage with our students.

GATE Programs

Carey is deeply committed to providing access to incredible educational opportunities to all of our students. Our Gifted and Talented Program offers three programs – Reasoning, English, Arts, Commerce and Humanities (REACH); Music Specialist; and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Carey has outstanding teachers and teaching facilities with innovative teaching programs that help to create opportunities for all. The GATE program assists gifted students to reach their potential through integrated and academically rigorous courses that emphasise enrichment, challenge and connection.

The GATE Programs are differentiated to best support gifted and talented students' learning needs and accelerate learning by extending their skills with advanced and in-depth study.

Enrolled students who are unsuccessful in being invited to sit the HAST Test or awarded a GATE Scholarship are also invited to participate in the GATE programs. These students are selected using their Semester reports and Year 5 NAPLAN results.

Successful students will be offered the following scholarship:

GATE Scholarship 50% deduction of academic tuition fees for the remainder of their schooling at Carey.

Information on how to apply for a scholarship is available on the back of this brochure.

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to a select number of students in these programs. To apply for one of our GATE Scholarships, parents need to submit an application. Applications are reviewed by the College and if a student is shortlisted for a scholarship, they will be invited to sit a HAST Aptitude Test. This is produced by the Australian Council for Educational Research and used by over 100 secondary schools in Australia and internationally.

Scholarships are awarded to the highest performing students on the basis of academic merit and potential. This is determined by their applications (including their Year 5 final school and NAPLAN reports) and the HAST results.

The continuation of scholarship will depend on the student's positive conduct and academic progress.

Applying for a GATE Scholarship

Applications can be submitted online at carey.wa.edu.au/gate. Printable application forms are also available from the College website or can be obtained from the Secondary Curriculum Office at Carey Harrisdale (Building J).

For further information regarding the GATE scholarships, please contact curriculum@carey.wa.edu.au

Applications close at 4pm on Thursday 20 March 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applications are open to all students who will be entering Year 7 in 2026. Applicants do not need to be current students at Carey Baptist College to apply.

Students may be accepted into multiple programs, so we encourage parents to apply for all of the programs students are interested in.

Application Timeline

Applications Open Mon 14 Oct 2024

Information Session Thurs 20 Feb 2025 | 5-6pm

Applications Close Thurs 20 Mar 2025 | 4pm

Test and Music Audition

Invitations Emailed Tues 1 Apr 2025

HAST Test Date Sat 10 May | 8:45am-12:10pm

Music Audition Date Sat 24 May | 8:30am-5:00pm

Performance Reports

Emailed Tues 3 June 2025

Scholarship Commences Mon 10 June 2025

Certificates Sent Mon 11 Aug 2025

Unsuccessful

notifications emailed Tues 14 Oct 2025



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Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Carey's GATE pathway provides gifted and talented students with a stimulating and challenging STEM learning environment which empowers them with the skills to succeed and adapt to a changing world where there is high demand for STEM experience and this will continue to increase into the future.

The program incorporates 21st Century learning strategies focusing on project, problem solving inquiry-based learning. Students are encouraged to excel in their areas of academic talent and develop a love of learning.

STEM skills are crucial to innovation and development in our contemporary knowledge-based, competitive global economy.

The integration of STEM disciplines in real world design problems is a way of engaging students in imaginative and collaborative problem solving and reasoning.

"I really enjoy being able to use knowledge and imagination to create competition entries, robot programs and solar car designs. I believe that it is a great program for learning new things, and how to think outside the box." – C.J., GATE STEM student.



Reasoning, English, Arts, Commerce and Humanities (REACH)

The REACH Program aims to develop the 21st Century skills of critical thinking, creativity, communication, persuasion, leadership and entrepreneurship.

Carey's GATE pathway provides gifted and talented students with a program designed to challenge and extend them to attain the highest levels of excellence.

Scholarship recipients will have consistently demonstrated an excellent academic standard and potential in a number of areas, particularly in English, Humanities and/or the Arts.

Carey has developed a GATE REACH curriculum that is full of hands-on, innovative activities which are designed not only to engage the students, but also to encourage creativity and ways of learning that will benefit their later years of study.

The integration of these skills in real world contexts will engage students in collaborative problem solving that will enhance their research, analytical, writing and reasoning skills.

"Carey's REACH Program has been an amazing opportunity, helping us discover new skills and experience new ways of learning." – A.P., GATE REACH student.

To learn more about the features of the GATE Program, please visit our website and download a copy of the GATE Handbook.



Music Specialist

The GATE Music Specialist Program is aimed at students with demonstrated experience and a passion to further their Music studies. Music encourages creativity, enjoyment, greater self-discipline, self-esteem, teamwork, communication skills, time management and a growth mindset.

Carey's highly respected Music Department offers Music education in a variety of genres, including Contemporary Popular Music, Western Art Classical Music, Jazz Music and Musical Theatre.

Students participate in a variety of music ensembles and bands, and are provided with multiple opportunities to perform during the year – on-site, across Perth and Western Australia, and in National Competitions.

Carey Baptist College has active connections with WAAPA (W.A. Academy of Performing Arts), UWA Conservatorium of Music and the James Morrison Academy. Many Carey Music students are accepted into these tertiary institutions following graduation from Carey.

The minimum level of musical standard for a scholarship applicant is AMEB Grade 2, or similar.

"Music Specialist is an opportunity to have extra guidance and more times to play music at school. You can be a part of many bands and extra-curricular activities." – R.B., GATE Music Specialist student.

