**Extended Learning Project (ELP)**

The purpose of Extended Learning Project is to provide Year 10 students with an opportunity to work independently over an extended period on a subject of their interest. Being long term the project allows for depth over an extended period. This helps students develop time management skills, research skills, goal setting skills, team work and collaboration.

These skills enhance their studies in Stage 6 and equip students with skills that will be of benefit in life after school; especially during their tertiary educations.

Students are motivated by the opportunity to pursue an area of passion.

Features of the program that make this a truly GATs project are the use and focus upon:

- Critical & Creative thinking
- Higher Order Thinking Skills
- Concept based
- Differentiated learning opportunity
- Ethics component
- Encourages risk taking
- Provides opportunities for mentoring
- Action learning

These are taught during exercises throughout the year. Milestones and checkpoints provide feedback and monitor student progress. These projects are assessed at the end of the school year during an ELP EXPO held in the library. Assessors include teaching staff, academics and alumni. The results provide a window into the thoughts, ideas and potential of students at this selective high school.