EATON COMMUNITY COLLEGE





Steam
Problem-Solving
Innovation
Resilience
Enterprise
Design

Why InSPIRED?

More than just a class, this program offers hands-on, project-based learning where ideas are transformed into real outcomes. Through engaging with design processes, students will learn to create innovative solutions to real-world problems.



What the Program Offers

The InSPIRED Specialist Program gives students the opportunity to:

- Be part of a select entry program that fosters creativity, design thinking, and innovation
- Develop skills highly valued in future industries, careers and adaptable to the everchanging world
- Gain a competitive edge by collaboration, creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking and communication.
- Work with passionate educators in a hands-on, project-based learning environment
- Showcase their talents through exhibitions, displays, and competitions
- Utilise specialised technology and access extra-curricular opportunities



How to Apply

If you are a highly motivated student, creative problem solver with a passion for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) and design, we would love to hear from you. Students both within and outside our local intake area are eligible to apply.

- 1. Complete the InSPIRED Specialist Program online application.
- 2. Receive an invitation to complete aptitude testing—assessing critical thinking, problem-solving, literacy, and numeracy.
- 3. Successful applicants will receive a formal offer letter confirming their place in the **InSPIRED Specialist Program** and be required to complete Code of Conduct for the program.



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According to predictions from the **World Economic Forum** and the **OECD**, most of today's children will enter an employment landscape that doesn't yet exist. In fact, **65% of the jobs they'll one day do haven't been created yet**.

Recognising this, the **Australian Curriculum's General Capabilities** place a strong emphasis on creativity, critical and computational thinking, problem-solving, communication, and collaboration—skills that prepare students for the challenges of tomorrow.

At **ECC**, we have designed a **Specialist Program** to help students develop the skills and mindsets most likely to be valued in future industries and careers.

Teachers provide structure and guidance while allowing students the freedom to explore, experiment, and take ownership of their learning. Students will also gain confidence as they **pitch and defend ideas**, and **justify their achievement** through evidence-based self-assessment.

The program combines expert teaching, hands-on learning, project-based problem solving, and collaboration with real-world mentors, industry experts, and businesses.

Program Details

In 2026, a select group of Year 8 students will have the opportunity to participate in the inaugural year of the program.

- · Students will complete one period per week of dedicated class time with a specialist teacher.
- · They will also engage in an **enhanced Arts and Technologies program** with additional resources, projects, and opportunities.

Current Year 7 students are invited to apply by completing the application form at [insert link].

Applications close: Week 4, Monday. [insert date]

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to **aptitude testing in Week 6**, designed to identify their potential to succeed in the program—not their current academic performance. Applicants should also nominate a teacher to provide a **reference** supporting their suitability for the program.

Successful applicants will receive formal offers in Week 7.

Please note: A small additional cost applies to this course.