

## Intention to apply for an Opportunity class



8 November 2024

Dear parent/carer,

This form will give you information about opportunity classes and ask about your interest in applying for Year 5 placement for your child.

Please read the form, complete the section on the back and return it to your child's teacher. This information will be used by your school only.

**⚠** Returning this form does **not** mean that you have completed an application. The school **cannot** apply for you.

### What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes support Year 5 and Year 6 high potential and gifted students by placing them with classmates who have similar abilities. Students must sit a placement test in Year 4 to gain entry in Year 5.

Students benefit both academically and socially in these settings. Students in these classes tell us that they love learning with other students who also enjoy asking questions, exploring topics deeply and being challenged academically. You can find more information on the Selective high schools and opportunity classes website: <https://edu.nsw.link/about-shs-oc>.

### What about families in rural or remote areas?

They may be able to apply to Aurora College, a virtual opportunity class for students who may not be able to attend an opportunity class in person.

Students who are successfully placed at Aurora College attend a local public school (known as a host school). Aurora College students join the opportunity class online for science, technology and mathematics lessons. You can find more information on the Opportunity classes website: <https://edu.nsw.link/aurora-oc>.

## Are you thinking about applying for your child? Which option applies to you?



**YES. I will be applying.**

Use this QR code to apply if you haven't already done so.



**MAYBE. I need to know more.**

Use this QR code for more information.



**NO. I will not be applying.**

Use this QR code for more information if you change your mind.



### Key points to remember:

- Applications open on 7 November 2024 and close on 21 February 2025. The placement test for 2026 entry will be held between 2-4 May 2025.
- Late applications will **not** be considered.
- You must apply for your child.
- Your school **cannot** apply for you but you can ask them for help.
- It's a good idea to talk with your child about whether to apply for placement in an opportunity class.

### What do I do next?

Complete the form on the next page and return to your child's school to inform them of your intentions.

Keep this page at home so you can access the QR codes above at any time.

Feel free to contact your child's teacher and/or our school to have a conversation about opportunity classes and your child.

**⚠** Returning this form does NOT mean that you have completed an application. You can find more information about applying at <https://edu.nsw.link/about-shs-oc> and you must apply at <https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/>.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Roach  
Principal

## Let your school know about your plans for your Year 3 child and OC

**Return this to your school by 18 December 2024**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Which option matches your interest in applying for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class for your child?

- YES.** I'm planning to apply.
- MAYBE.** I'd like some more information before deciding.
- NO.** I have no interest in applying.

**I understand that returning this form does NOT mean that I have completed an application.**

Signature of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carer's name: \_\_\_\_\_