

Intention to apply for selective high schools



8 November 2024

Dear parent/carer,

This form will give you information about selective high schools and ask about your interest in applying for Year 7 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 selective high schools?

Selective high schools support Year 7-12 potential and gifted students by placing them with classmates who have similar abilities. Students must sit a placement test in Year 6 to gain entry in Year 7.

Students benefit both academically and socially in these settings. Selective high schools follow the same curriculum as other schools and usually offer more competitions, project-based learning and enrichment activities. Students in these schools 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 selective high school for students who may not be able to attend a selective high school in person.

Students who are successfully placed at Aurora College attend a local public school (known as a host school). They join Aurora College's online classes for English, mathematics and science. You can find more information on the selective high schools website: <https://edu.nsw.link/aurora-shs>.

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 a selective high school.

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 selective high schools and your child.

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Yours sincerely.

Sue Roach
Principal

Let your school know about your plans for your Year 5 child and selective high schools

Return this to your school by 18 December 2024

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

Which option matches your interest in applying for Year 7 placement in selective high school 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: _____