Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2016?

You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Key dates

Tuesday 14 October 2014
Application website opens

Monday 17 November 2014
Application website closes

Thursday 26 February 2015
Test centre advice

Thursday 12 March 2015
Selective High School Placement Test

Early July 2015
Outcome advice

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There is more information at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit.

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What are selective high schools?

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. There are:

• Seventeen fully selective high schools
• Twenty-five partially selective high schools
• Four agricultural high schools, three of which have boarding places where students live at the school during the school term. Find out more about boarding at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_boarding.php
• One Year 7 selective stream in the Virtual Secondary School for students in country areas far from a city. Find out more about the virtual selective stream at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_virtual.php

A list of selective schools and their websites is available at the end of this document and on the internet at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. A map of the schools is also linked from this website page.

What are the stages of the placement process?

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12. Parents accept or decline offers and places on reserve lists | From July 2015 to June 2016
13. Students who have accepted offers are withdrawn from reserve lists | By 3pm on 16 December 2015
14. Parents of successful students receive Authority to attend letters to take to the school on the first day of term in 2016 | January 2016

How do I apply?

Go to the Application link at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement and read the instructions carefully. You will register to receive a password and then log in to complete the application and submit it. You will receive a printout of your application with your child’s student number. You must quote this number whenever you make enquiries about your application.

If you find you have made a mistake, email the unit to change any information. Do not apply twice for the same student.

Applying without internet access

If you have no internet access at home you will need to go to a public library where internet access is free.

• set up a web-based email to use for the application, such as Yahoo, Gmail or similar
• use that email account to register
• wait to receive an email with a password and a link
• use the password to log in
• complete the application and, in the Contact details section, type ‘Mail only’ for communication
• Submit the application
• Check your new email account for the confirmation email and print the file showing all of your application details.

The Unit will then send all communication to your postal address. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, contact the Unit for assistance.
Attachments

If relevant, you may need to send copies of supporting documents to the unit such as:

- Birth certificate – to prove age (only if requested)
- Visa – to prove residency status (only if requested)
- Medical certificate – to support any illness or misadventure claim
- IQ report – if available or required as part of a Report of academic merit
- Standardised English and mathematics test results – as part of a Report of academic merit
- Court orders – to confirm who can make educational decisions affecting the child
- Explanation of why the child is:
  - older or younger than the usual age range
  - not in Year 6 in 2015

Use the cover sheet you were sent with your application confirmation when sending attachments to the Unit.
Do not send school reports or certificates or other test results unless asked to do so.

Who can apply?

Age and school Year

Students are usually in Year 5 at the time of applying (2014) and in Year 6 when sitting the test (2015). They are usually born between 1 January 2003 and 1 August 2004. If you apply when your child is out of the age range or in another school year, selection committees will examine the reasons for this. They may ask for more information or for an interview with your child. The selection committees can decide not to accept students who are older or younger or doing the test for the second time, especially if they are in a different school Year.

Brothers and sisters

As placement is made on academic merit, brothers and sisters and twins will be offered a place at the same school only if they both have scores that are high enough. Family placement claims no longer apply to applicants for placement in 2016.

Residency status

You must be living in NSW at the beginning of the school year of entry.

Your child must be a permanent resident of Australia or a citizen of Australia or New Zealand to enrol in a selective high school. If your child is not yet a permanent resident, you can apply and your child can sit the test but will not be offered a place in a selective high school unless permanent residency has been granted. If permanent residency is granted before June of the year of entry, you can send proof to the Unit and, if your child has a high enough score, he or she can be placed on a reserve list and offered a place if one becomes available.

Overseas or interstate

You can apply while you are temporarily overseas or interstate. If possible, your child should return to NSW to sit the test. If your child cannot sit the test you must send to the Unit a Report of academic merit which includes a full scale WISC IV or WISC V IQ report. See www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/iandosstuds.php

You must apply by the due date but if the IQ test results are not available at the time you can send the Report of academic merit to the Unit before the test date on 12 March 2015.

If you are living out of NSW temporarily and your child was in Year 5 in NSW and has school scores, the illness/misadventure process could apply to you. Find out more at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/appealsmisadv.php

Boarders

There are three agricultural high schools with boarding places where students live at the school during the school term. If you want your child to be considered for boarder placement you must complete the details about distance and travel times on the online application form. The selection committee gives a higher weighting to applications for students who are isolated than to applications for other country and city students.

If your child is offered a place at one of the three agricultural high schools taking boarders you will have to complete further forms and pay boarding fees. There are scholarships available that may help you to pay the boarding fees. Further information is available at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_boarding.php

If you accept a boarder place for your child you will sign an agreement to pay boarder fees on time. If you do not pay the fees as agreed the offer will be withdrawn and offered to the next eligible applicant.

If your child gains a boarder place at an agricultural high school that also has day students, you cannot later transfer across to a day place.

Rural and remote

If you intend to enrol your child at one of the high schools in country areas far from a city you can apply for a place in the Year 7 selective stream of the Virtual Secondary School. Students attend their normal secondary schools and join the selective stream in English, mathematics and science remotely using computer technology and personal contact with teachers. Current primary
principals must complete the *Virtual selective report of academic merit* which they then send to the Unit. This tells selection committees whether this type of learning environment is likely to be best for your child. Find out more about the Year 7 selective stream at [http://www.vss.nsw.edu.au/learn/classes/](http://www.vss.nsw.edu.au/learn/classes/).

**How should I choose selective high schools?**

You can apply for up to three selective high schools in the order you want them. Think about your choices carefully. List only the schools you would like your child to attend and in your preferred order. Offers are made on the basis of your order of choice.

If your child qualifies for two schools he or she will get an offer only to the higher choice. Make sure that all the schools you choose are suitable for your child and that travel time is reasonable. See where selective high schools are on the map on the Unit’s website and check the school websites listed at the end of this document. Boarding school selection committees look at how far away you live but all other selection committees do not consider whether your choices are practical. Further details can be found at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/points_consider.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/points_consider.php).

**Change of school choice**

You can change your school choices before 30 April 2015 by writing to the Unit. You cannot usually change choices after the outcome of placement is sent to you unless something outside your control changes after 30 April.

After enrolment, you cannot transfer between selective high schools. You may apply for your child to enter a selective high school in Years 8 to 12 by using the application form for Years 8 to 12 entry which will be published on the Unit’s website in late June in the year before entry. Find out more about Years 8 to 12 entry on the Unit’s website.

**How are students ranked for selective high school entry?**

All students are ranked and placed in order of academic merit. Academic merit is decided mainly by combining the results of the primary school assessments in English and mathematics and the Selective High School Placement Test.

For some applicants, some extra information is requested such as:

- overseas and interstate applicants – *Report of academic merit*
- virtual selective stream applicants – *Virtual selective report of academic merit*.

**School scores**

The primary school gives school assessment scores to show each student’s achievement on the school curriculum in English and mathematics in Year 5. The scores are moderated (scaled) according to the performance of the candidates from the child’s primary school in the Selective High School Placement Test. This means the school assessment scores can be compared with those of all other applicants in NSW and gives them equal value with the test scores.

If students do not have school scores that can be moderated, only their test scores will be used to calculate their final score. Government school principals give the scores to the Unit online.

If your child is at a non-government school you will need to give the principal’s page (that you receive when you apply) to the school to get school assessment scores. If non-government principals will not give any of their students school scores, you can apply for exemption. Exemption will not be approved if any other applicants from the same school have been given school scores. Find the *Request for formal exemption* form at [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss-parentsforms.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss-parentsforms.php).


**The Selective High School Placement Test**

The Selective High School Placement Test for entry to Year 7 in 2016 is held on 12 March 2015 in test centres, usually at government high schools. The test is held only on this day and only in official test centres in NSW. All test materials are kept secure before, during and after the test and are not released to the public. The test measures ability rather than performance on the curriculum.

**What do I need to know about the test?**

You will be told where to take your child for the test by mail and email before 26 February 2015. You will receive a *Test information bulletin* which explains the test and lists what your child should bring. The bulletin explains how to answer the questions in the test.

If you have not received your test centre advice by 26 February 2015 you must contact the Unit urgently.

Your child can use the sample tests on the Unit’s website to practise answering the questions on the sample answer sheets.

Students from the same primary school will usually attend the same test centre.

You will be able to see the list of test centres on the Unit’s website.
You must arrange for your child to get to and from the test but you must not stay on the school grounds during the test unless the Unit asks you to stay for health or disability reasons.

**Test components**

The test has multiple choice questions in reading (45 questions), mathematics (40 questions) and general ability (60 questions). Each multiple choice test is 40 minutes long.

The writing test is 20 minutes long and only two lined pages are provided. To receive marks the writing must be the student’s own work and must be about the topic or image provided in the test. It will be judged on the quality of thinking about a topic, organisation of ideas and the use of language.

The test is in two parts, each with a question booklet and an answer booklet for recording the answers. Students are identified by test booklet numbers only. Students use black pen to show their answers. **Important:** If your child does not follow instructions and marks the answers on the question booklet instead of the answer sheet, the marks may not be counted.

**Sample tests**

Sample tests are published on the Unit’s website to help your child practise answering the questions on the sample answer sheet. Find the sample tests at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_sampletest.php. These test items are for practice only and results do not mean that your child will get a similar score in the test. Selection committees will not make any decisions based on your child’s score on practice items.

**Special test provisions**

If your child has a disability or condition that could affect his or her performance on the test, you can ask for special test provisions when you apply. For example, the Unit can arrange provisions such as enlarged papers, specific seating, taking medications into the test room and showing answers in the question booklet.

Students cannot normally be given extra time or a person to write for them and cannot use computers. If you explain your child’s special needs in your application the Unit may contact you or the school to talk about special test provisions.

**What happens if something goes wrong?**

If some problem such as sickness or an accident stops your child from taking the test or doing his or her best, you can make an illness/misadventure claim using the form on the Unit’s website. The claim must reach the Unit within 14 days of the test, by 26 March 2015. You must include documents as evidence to support the claim. If your child is sick or injured, you must have a medical certificate and a completed *Independent evidence of illness* form which cover the day of the test. It is generally better for the student to sit the test if possible, and make an illness/misadventure claim afterwards.

You cannot make an appeal later claiming illness or misadventure as this must be considered by selection committees. School selection committees discuss the illness/misadventure claims and decide whether to accept them. Find the forms at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/appealsmisadv.php

**How are decisions made?**

All school selection committees make their placement decisions using the same selection criteria but each school selection committee makes its decisions independently. Each committee includes the selective high school principal, a parent or community representative, and can include other staff members such as school counsellors. Directors, Public Schools NSW may also attend.

Selection committees:

- place applicants for that school in order of their profile scores
- look at the likely impact of disability and illness/misadventure claims
- give priority to isolated students who apply for boarding at agricultural high schools
- decide whether to accept students outside the age or school year range
- give consideration to students who have been learning in the English language for fewer than 48 months and to students of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background
- look at other evidence of academic merit if necessary
- list students for offers and reserve places according to the number of vacancies at the school.

**How do I find out the outcome?**

In early July you will be sent your child’s placement outcome. Your child may be:

- offered a place for one school choice and/or
- placed on a reserve list for one or more school choices
- unsuccessful for one or more school choices.

If your child is made an offer to one school and also had a score high enough for a lower choice school, that lower choice school will be shown as ‘not applicable’.

If you receive an offer or a reserve place you will be sent an *Outcome information bulletin* explaining what
each type of outcome means and what you need to do. In most cases you will receive your child’s profile score out of 300. There is no minimum fixed score required for entry to individual schools as students are placed in rank order to fill the available vacancies. The score held by the last student offered a place at the school is the ‘minimum entry score’ that is published on the Unit’s website in April 2016. This score varies from school to school and from year to year.

The Unit sends reports to public primary schools listing the outcome for all their students who applied. Non-government school principals can request this information if you give the Unit permission for communication with the non-government school when you apply.

Getting an early hint about the outcome
If there is a good reason that you need to know the possible outcome before it is released, usually having to pay a non-refundable deposit of more than $1,000 to secure a place at an alternative school, you may contact the Unit for an Early advice request form. This early advice may not be the final outcome and generally the only information the Unit can be sure of at this stage is whether a student is unsuccessful for all choices. You can ask for early advice once only, just before the deadline for paying the non-refundable deposit.

Responding to offers
If you receive an offer you must fill out the response form that you are sent with your outcome advice and return it by the date shown on the form. This is usually 14 days later. If you get an offer by phone you might have only 24 hours to decide whether to accept. If you do not respond by the due date the Unit may assume that you do not want the offer. If you accept an offer and then change your mind and want to decline it, you must write to the Unit immediately so that the place can be offered to another student.

If you will be away at the time offers are made, you can tell the Unit in writing if you wish to accept any offer in advance or if you want to change contact details. The Unit will confirm your response to an offer within 21 days. If you have not received it 21 days after you sent it, please contact the Unit.

Being on a reserve list only
If your child is on a reserve list only, you will be offered a place if his or her position on a list is reached. The Unit continues to make these offers, if vacancies occur, until June of the year of entry.

Getting further offers
Your child can be made an offer and also be on reserve lists for higher choice selective high schools. If you are given a further offer to a higher choice school, you must accept or decline the new offer. If you accept the further offer, the Unit will close the original offer. The Unit will make further offers to your higher choice schools even if you declined an offer to a lower choice school.

Can I find out more about my child’s scores?
You can request more information about your child’s scores using the online Request for scores form. This will show you the scores your child gained on the Selective High School Placement Test and the school assessment scores. You cannot use these scores to try to recalculate the profile score. Details of scores will not be provided over the phone. Find out more about scores at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_marksexplain.php

How do I appeal?
You may appeal against the decision of the selection committee if you feel something beyond your child’s control affected either the school assessment scores or the test scores. You cannot appeal against both the school assessment scores and the test scores.

As far as possible you must send written evidence with your appeal.

You must download the official appeal form that will be available on the High Performing Students Unit website.

Complete your section of the form and hand your appeal to the principal of your child’s school no later than 17 July 2015. The principal will pass it on to the Unit by 24 July 2015. Late appeals will not be accepted.

Anything that should have been dealt with or was dealt with by the selection committee at the time of the illness/misadventure process will not be considered valid grounds for appeal. This includes:

- illness before or during the test
- test anxiety
- problems that occurred at the test centre including not answering some of the questions on the right lines in the answer booklet.

Further details about grounds for appeal can be found on the Unit’s website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/appeals.php
Can my offer be taken away?

If the Unit cannot contact you to make an offer or find out your response after trying three times, the offer will no longer apply.

If your child does not satisfy all requirements, such as permanent residency, or does not attend the school on the first day without a satisfactory explanation, the offer will be withdrawn. Offers and enrolments will also be terminated if the placement was based on false or misleading information.

What do I need to enrol?

If you have accepted an offer you will receive an Authority to attend letter in January, which your child takes to the school on the first day of the school year as part of the enrolment process. You may also need to provide original documentation such as proof of residency and meet all other NSW Department of Education and Communities enrolment conditions.

There are no extra fees for attending a selective school, unless your child is a boarder. Schools may ask for materials contributions for some subjects, as do other government high schools. Information about enrolment policy in NSW Department of Education and Communities schools is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/enrolment/parentsinfo.php

If you need to delay your starting date beyond the first day of the school year you must discuss it with the selective high school principal (or the Unit if it is in school holidays) before enrolling your child. You cannot delay enrolment past the first day of Term 2 in the year of entry.

Who can make enquiries or decisions about my child?

The Unit corresponds with the parents or carers that you list on the application. If you wish to let other people discuss your child’s application with the Unit, you can list them as another concerned adult or as a special contact. If you want someone to make decisions on your behalf while you are away or uncontactable, you must email the Unit giving their details and authorising them to act on your behalf.

The Unit will provide information about an application to any parent or interested person who is legally entitled to it, regardless of requests for confidentiality. The Unit will not correspond with students, by telephone or email.

Where can I get further information?

The Unit updates information about selective high school entry and placement procedures regularly on the Unit’s website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.
Frequently asked questions

Does my child get an advantage if we live very close to a selective high school?

No, selection committees do not consider travelling times and transport arrangements when offering places.

What provision is made for students from non-government schools?

The selection procedures are the same for all students. The only difference is that the Unit advises government school principals about the students from their school who have applied. Parents of non-government schools must ask their principals to complete the principal’s page (sent with their application confirmation) and then must return the page to the Unit.


The selection committee will NOT generally grant an exemption to applicants who do not have school assessment scores if any other students from the same school have them.

What can I do to prepare my child for the Selective High School Placement Test?

Encourage your child to use the sample tests on the Unit’s website to practise answering the questions on the sample answer sheets. Students will also be given practice questions before the test begins. See sample tests at: [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_sampletest.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_sampletest.php)

The results of practice items do not mean that your child will score the same in the test. Selection committees and appeals panels will not make any decision based on your child’s score on practice test items.

The Department of Education and Communities does not endorse coaching for the Selective High School Placement Test.

If my outcome advice indicates that my child is unsuccessful, can his or her name be placed on a reserve list?

No. Three terms are used in outcome letters: ‘offer’, ‘reserve list’ and ‘unsuccessful’. Selection committees decide the students who will receive offers and those who will be placed on reserve lists. Students who have been offered places for a particular school will have higher scores than those who are on the reserve list or are unsuccessful for that school. Students placed on reserve lists will be given a number indicating their position on the reserve list. Progress on the reserve list varies from year to year. When offers begin to be made from the reserve list, the progress of each school’s reserve list is available on the Unit’s website from early August each year.

What does the Selective High School Placement Test tell me about my child’s performance?

The Selective High School Placement Test measures ability while school scores show each student’s achievement on the school curriculum. The test helps to identify students for entry into selective high schools on the basis of academic merit. It is not meant to be a diagnostic test to identify the student’s strengths and weaknesses in English or mathematics performance. The student’s primary school is most appropriate to advise you on your child’s performance in these areas.

If my child was unsuccessful for opportunity class placement, does it mean he or she will be unsuccessful for selective high school entry?

Not necessarily. The entry requirements for opportunity class and selective high school placement can be quite different. Students can improve over the time since they applied for opportunity class placement. Many gifted and talented students applying for selective schools did not apply for opportunity class placement. Not all students from opportunity classes are successful for selective high school entry. There are over twice as many Year 7 places in selective high schools as there are Year 5 places in opportunity classes.

If I receive an offer to one of my lower choices as well as being on the reserve list for one of my higher choices, do I have to give up the offer to stay on the reserve list?

You can accept an offer to one school and stay on the reserve list for one or more of your higher choices until 3pm on 16 December 2015. After that time no further offers will be made to students who have already accepted placement in a selective high school and have not later declined the offer.

If my child is one of the last to be made an offer, does that mean he or she will struggle at a selective high school?

The selection committee offers places or reserve list positions only to those students they think are capable of doing well at a selective high school. There are many things which can affect student performance, including your child’s willingness to learn, his or her response to teachers and interaction with other students. While some students who receive late offers might have problems, the majority should have no difficulties.
What should I do if my child does not get into a selective high school?
As there is one place for approximately three people applying, not all students can be placed. Be supportive and explain to your child that he or she can be very successful at a comprehensive high school. Students from comprehensive high schools can achieve results which are as good as, or even better than, results gained by selective high school students, as not all gifted and talented students apply for selective high schools.

The NSW government also provides excellent comprehensive high schools. Comprehensive high schools implement gifted and talented programs as a feature of the Department of Education and Communities’ gifted and talented policy.

What score does a student have to gain to be successful for selective high school placement?
There is no fixed score that a student has to achieve to be successful for placement at a particular selective high school as students are placed in rank order to fill the available vacancies. The score held by the last student placed at the school is the ‘minimum entry score’ that is published on the unit’s website in the following April each year. This score can vary from school to school and from year to year. The greater the demand for the school, the higher the entry score is likely to be. For example, in a school with 150 places, the entry score achieved for the 150th ranked student offered a place at that school becomes the entry score.

As a guide, the entry scores required for placement in 2014 are available on the Unit’s website.

Please note that the scores on the website show the last score offered a place for entry in 2014. The entry score for 2016 will not be known until after the placement process is finalised. Though your child’s score may be higher than that shown for entry in 2015 this does not necessarily mean that they will be offered a place for entry in 2016.

How is the profile score calculated if my child is the only one applying from his/her school?
Students who do not have school assessment scores or those who are the only candidates from the school will be considered on test marks only.

How can I find out my child’s score?
Most parents/carers will receive their child’s profile score at the bottom of their outcome letter or email in July. You can receive further details of your child’s scores in the selective high school placement process after you have received your outcome advice. Use the form Request for scores on the Unit’s website. The only further details available are school assessment scores and test scores. No other score details can be provided.

Why are profile scores and further details sometimes unavailable?
Where students have been considered on other evidence of academic merit, such as an individual IQ test, or the selection committee has adjusted the score based on supplementary information, the original calculated profile score does not apply. The Unit does not have the resources to provide information about adjusted scores.

How does the reserve list work?
If your child is on a reserve list for a selective high school the number on the outcome advice shows his or her position on the list. How quickly the Unit offers places to those on a reserve list depends on whether students accept or decline an offer, and whether other students receive further offers to a school of higher choice. If your child’s position is reached on the reserve list, the Unit will contact you with an offer. From 1 August you can track where the reserve list is up to on the Unit’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_reservelist.php

Can I change my choice of schools after submitting the application?
You must think about your choices very carefully when you apply. You can ask for a change of choice without explanation if it is before Thursday 30 April 2015, when selection committee lists are created. After this date there have to be extenuating circumstances which occurred after Thursday 30 April 2015, there has to be documentary evidence of the extenuating circumstances and any change must be approved.

Why do some partially selective high schools combine selective and comprehensive students in the senior years?
Some partially selective high schools do this. It allows the school to better organise the timetable and offer more electives than would be possible if the selective students were kept as a separate group. This organisation advantages selective students as the school can offer a wider range of electives.
Selective high schools with Year 7 vacancies in 2016

You may choose up to three selective high schools in order of preference.

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*Only students in government high schools in country areas far from a city may apply for the Year 7 selective stream of the Virtual Secondary School. Principals of students applying for the virtual stream of the Virtual Secondary School are required to submit a Virtual selective report of academic merit with the standard application.