

# Information for principals of high schools – Year 7 entry to selective High Schools in 2024

| Important dates                |                                      |
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| From October 2022              | Identification of test centres       |
| 18 October to 16 November 2022 | Application website open             |
| 4 May 2023                     | Selective High School Placement Test |
| Mid-August 2023                | Application site closes              |

## Selective high schools

There are:

- seventeen fully selective high schools where all classes are selective
- twenty-five high schools with selective classes (partially selective). Partially selective high schools have both selective and community classes. Students placed at Richmond High School – Richmond Agricultural College must study agriculture.
- four agricultural high schools (three of which offer boarding places). Agricultural high schools are selective high schools that emphasise the study of agriculture.

one virtual secondary school, Aurora College. Only students who will be enrolled in public high schools in rural and remote locations in NSW are eligible to apply. This does not include selective or partially selective schools in rural areas. The list of eligible schools is at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/information-for-applicants/aurora-college/rural-and-remote-high-schools>.

If your rural high school has successful applicants, Aurora College will contact you after placement outcomes are sent, in order to organise appropriate arrangements for students who intend to enrol at your school.

# Selective high school entry

The Selective Education Unit (the Unit) processes the applications for those students who wish to be considered for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2024.

The placement process involves the testing of approximately 16,000 Year 6 students in designated test centres in NSW.

For placement in 2024, the selection committee will make their placement decisions using the results of the Selective High School Placement Test scores.

## Reports to schools

The Unit prepares outcome reports for designated local high schools to help with planning for the next year. The outcome reports will be available in the SHSOC Schools' site at <https://shsoc-schools.education.nsw.gov.au/> (principal's DoE login is required) after the release of outcomes.

The local high school outcome reports list the students who are likely to attend a selective high school rather than their local high school. They list students who:

- are on a reserve list, or
- have received offers for selective high school placement, and
  - have accepted or declined the offer, or
  - their response is unknown.

High school principals may request outcome information about students who apply for out-of-area enrolment at their school by email to [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au).

Partially selective high schools receive their designated local high school report and they also receive outcome reports listing students who have offers or reserve places for their selective classes, including the parents' responses and contact details.

## Test centres

Principals of high schools will be requested to make their facilities available for the Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday 4 May 2023 from approximately 8:30am to 2:30pm. The test has been moved from March to May to avoid a clash with NAPLAN testing.

High schools are asked not to schedule any activity which may conflict with the use of their facilities for the test on 4 May 2023.

The Selective Education Unit will contact those high schools where students need to be allocated, to request the number of students that the school can accommodate in a test room. The Unit will then confirm if the school is required.

Once a test centre is confirmed, the Selective Education Unit will contact the school about the arrangements for supervision during the test and will confirm the availability of test room requirements, such as a clock, desk spacing and suitable area for students in the break.

Principals of test centre schools must arrange for the secure storage of the test materials before and after the test and should nominate a staff member to liaise with the test invigilator as required for setting up rooms for the test.

Test centre schools will be paid a fee to cover service costs such as the employment of a general assistant, if required. The fee is set according to the number of students allocated to the test centre.

In some cases where reasonable adjustments are required for students with a disability, medical or behavioural condition, an additional separate room may be requested.

It would be greatly appreciated if the school sick bay could be available to the occasional students who gets so sick that they need to lie down until the parents arrive to collect them.

## Parents of candidates

Parents are told to bring their children to the gate of the test centre by 9:00 am on Thursday 4 May 2023 and that they are expected to pick them up at 1:30 pm. The 'Test authority' letter tells parents not to park in or enter the school grounds before, during or after the test.

In rare cases parents may be asked to remain outside the test centre if required as a prearranged reasonable adjustment for disability for the test. They will be asked to report to the school office to present identification and Working With Children Clearance and get instructions about where to wait.

If students taking the Selective High School Placement Test are not picked up by their parents after the test, the school's office staff may be asked to help to contact the parent and to allow the students to wait at the front office.

## Enquiries

Detailed information about selective high schools placement is at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Messages: Send a message through the SHSOC schools' site at <https://shsoc-schools.education.nsw.gov.au/> (principal's DoE login is required).

Email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au)

Telephone: 1300 880 367 (parents)

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