Selective Class Placement - 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Engadine High School actively supports the needs of academically able students. In each Year group from 7-10 there are two selective classes formed specifically to meet the needs of these students. Teachers of selective classes differentiate their teaching, the content and skills to better meet the levels at which students in these classes work.

Entry into a Year 7 selective class is based on the results of standardised testing that students complete around September (on one of the scheduled transition days). The three standardised tests cover general aptitude, comprehension and mathematics. The tests are fully funded by our school and the data is held confidentially and strictly for diagnostic purposes only. Information from a student’s primary school and additional information offered by parents may also support class placements.

We are also mindful that parents with very academically able students may be eligible for or offered selective class placements from more than one school quite early this year. It is therefore important for a parent to know if any school being considered will also offer, based on a student’s performance, selective class placement. In this way parents can make the best choice of school without potentially forfeiting a place within a selective class. For out of area applications please note that testing informs class placement, subject to a successful application based on the published criteria and process.

To support school choice Engadine High School will offer an early round of selective class places based on the tests outlined above. These tests will be conducted on Wednesday 12 March, 12.30pm – 3.00pm. This process is in line with a number of other public and private schools who also conduct selective placement tests at this time of the year. We must also stress that further opportunities for selective class placement at Engadine High School will be conducted in September and that a range of class places will be withheld until this time. In this way we hope to support families in their choices and, importantly, always retain from within the Year 7 cohort the most able students in these classes for the commencement of the 2015 school year.

If you wish to register for the selective class tests on Wednesday 12 March please follow the link overleaf and provide the required details (Survey Monkey). An active link can also be found on our website: www.ehs.nsw.edu.au/en/policies-and-programs/enrolment-policy

Online registration closes at midnight on Sunday 9 March. Confirmation of your registration will be provided by email on Monday-Tuesday 10-11 March with an allocated time to attend our school to sit the tests. A timeline is also provided overleaf.

NB – Irrespective of test results all out of area applicants must also follow the outlined application processes (see EHS website – Policies & Programs tab and then Enrolment Policy). Students who sit the test in March will not re-sit the test in September. These tests are designed to give a stable result, which will not be influenced by redoing it a few months later.
Timeline

All documents referred to below are available for download from the EHS website

Selective Class Placement Registration  midnight, Sunday 9 March

EHS confirm selective class placement test (email)  Monday 10 March

Selective Class Placement Test  Wednesday 12 March (EHS)

Selective High Schools Tests*  Thursday 13 March
* Government selective schools tests are statewide and different to EHS’ selective class placement tests.

Parents informed of selective class placement test  17-20 March

EOI – Government School/s Application  Friday 21 March

Out of Area Application (EHS)  Friday 21 March

Round 1 non-local offer (Choice 1 schools)  5-30 May

Round 2 non-local offer (Choice 2 schools)  10-20 June

Round 3 non-local offer (Choice 3 schools)  14-18 July

Please contact the school if you have any queries: Phone – 95200411.

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Principal