Please complete the application form. Keep the information section to look at later. **Use a separate application for each school.**

### Important Dates

- **24 June 2014**  Application packages are made available online and from selective and agricultural high schools and Public Schools Network offices.
- **29 July 2014**  Closing date for completed application forms to be returned to the relevant selective high schools.
- **August/September 2014**  Selection committees meet and consider applications.
- **September/October 2014**  Advice concerning the outcome of applications is dispatched to parents.

The number of vacancies in Years 8 to 12 will vary across academic Years and from school to school. Generally the number of vacancies is limited.

**Before submitting your application to the chosen selective high school, you should go to each school’s website and/or contact the school to find out:**

- the school assessment procedures
- courses and programs offered
- selection criteria such as testing
- boarding fees and possible financial assistance for boarders
- geographical isolation factors for residential agricultural high schools.

This document is also available at:

In this document:

- ‘selective’ includes fully selective high schools, partially selective high schools, the virtual selective class provision and agricultural high schools
- ‘parent’ is defined under the Education Act to “include a guardian or other person having the custody or care of a child”.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted and talented students who may otherwise be isolated from a suitable academic peer group. These schools can provide intellectual stimulation by grouping academically gifted and talented students together, concentrating school resources and using specialised teaching methods.

There are:

- Seventeen fully selective high schools where all classes are academically selective.
- Twenty-five high schools with selective classes (partially selective) in Years 7 and above. Partially selective high schools have both selective and community classes.
- Four agricultural high schools (three of which offer boarding places). Agricultural high schools are selective high schools that emphasise the study of agriculture. Boarding sections give some priority to isolated students.
- One virtual selective class provision. For the virtual selective class provision only students intending to enrol in a government high school in a rural or remote location are eligible to apply. A list of participating schools is available on the Unit’s website.

The complete list of selective high schools accepting Years 8 to 12 applications is shown at the back of this document.

Fees

As with all government schools, tuition at selective high schools is free, but schools may ask for a voluntary contribution to cover services such as library, textbooks and curriculum-related resources. Schools may also ask for contributions to cover the purchase of materials in certain key learning areas and to cover costs associated with sports or excursions. Residential agricultural high schools charge boarding fees.

ENQUIRIES

If you have enquiries, contact the specific selective high school about:

- the school assessment procedures
- courses and programs offered
- selection criteria
- boarding fees and possible financial assistance for boarders
- geographical isolation criteria for residential agricultural high schools.

If you have enquiries, contact the High Performing Students Unit about:

- residency criteria
- appeals.

Phone: 1300 880 367
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Mail: Locked Bag 53
DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

HOW TO APPLY

Read this document carefully.

- You may apply for no more than four selective high schools. Look up the school websites that are listed at the back of this booklet to find out about the assessment requirements. Courses may not be the same as the previous school but current courses may be taken into account by selection committees.
- Complete a separate application form for each selective high school you wish to apply for. You must list the schools you choose in the order of priority on every application form. You can use photocopied forms.
- Complete the application form.
- Complete any extra forms the school asks for.
- Attach a copy of the birth certificate or other document that verifies the student’s name shown on the application.
- Give each form to the relevant selective high school by 29 July 2014.

AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AND RESIDENCY STATUS

Candidates must generally be Australian citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia. Information on Australian citizenship is available on the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website at: www.citizenship.gov.au.

You can get a Certificate of Evidence of Australian Citizenship to prove your visa status.

Citizens of New Zealand are eligible for selective high school entry. Permanent residents of New Zealand are considered in the same manner as temporary residents of Australia and are not normally eligible.
If you do not meet these residency requirements at the time of applying but expect to meet them in the near future, you are allowed to apply provided you are already living in Australia. You will have to show evidence that the child meets all residency requirements before being offered a place.

If you qualify for entry on academic grounds but do not meet the residency requirements, including those who hold diplomatic visas, you will have the opportunity to appeal for special consideration through the appeals process.

If your application is successful, you must show original documentation, such as a Certificate of Evidence of Australian Citizenship, birth certificates or visas, before the school can enrol your child.

Your child’s offer or enrolment may be terminated if it is based on false or misleading information.

Residential Address

Your family must be living in NSW by the beginning of the 2015 school year. If your family normally lives in NSW but you are temporarily out of the state, you should expect to return before the student is enrolled in a selective high school. If you continue to live outside NSW after the 2015 school year begins your application will be considered only if there are vacancies after all suitable applicants from NSW have been placed.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

Availability of application forms

Further copies of this package are available from all selective high schools, Public Schools Network offices, and at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/selective8_12.php

Acknowledgement of receipt of application

Your application will be acknowledged in writing.

Change of application details

Please write to the selective high school(s) you have applied for if there is a change in details such as your child’s name, address or school after you have sent your application form. Write to those schools directly if you want to withdraw your application.

Selection Procedures

The number of vacancies at selective high schools in Years 8 to 12 will generally depend on the number of students who leave in the previous year. In some schools there may be no vacancies in some academic Years. Some schools may establish extra places in some academic Years.

For each selective high school, a selection committee will decide on the students to be offered places and will establish a reserve list in priority order. The selection committee comprises at least three people, including the selective high school principal and a parent representative.

The selection committee may ask for further information or arrange for additional assessment procedures if required.

Family Placement Claim

You can make a family placement claim if a brother, sister or parent/guardian currently attends or previously attended the school. Where two or more students have equal results, the students with family placement claims will be given priority. For most students this will have little effect on the outcome.

Testing

If it is required by the selection committee, students may be asked to take a test. In this case, the school will provide you with reasonable notice of the time, date and place of the test.

Where testing is conducted by the school, students found to be cheating risk disqualification from the test.

Schools may request a test administration fee.

Notice of Outcome

You will be notified in writing about the outcome of your application. Some later offers may be made by telephone. Students may be:

- offered a place
- put on the reserve list
- advised that they did not qualify for placement.

This information will be provided by each school you applied for.

Response to offers

If you receive an offer, please respond to the school as soon as possible. If you do not respond within 14 days or within the time specified on your offer letter, the school may assume that you do not want to accept the offer. Where your offer is made by telephone you must respond within 24 hours.

If you will be away on holidays when offers are being
made, you should leave contact details with the selective school(s) or delegate someone to respond on your behalf.

If you accept the offer you will be sent an ‘Authority to Enrol’ letter. For government high school students the principal will then arrange for the student’s records to be transferred. The offer will be withdrawn if the student fails to enrol at the school at the beginning of the school year without providing a satisfactory explanation. You cannot defer enrolment beyond the first day of Term 2, 2015. You must negotiate any deferment with the principal.

If you accept the offer then later change your mind, please tell the school so that the next eligible applicant can be offered the place.

If you decline the offer, you will be sent a letter to confirm this.

Appeals

If you wish to appeal against a decision of the selection committee, you should phone the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367 within 7 days of the date on the letter notifying you of the outcome. The Unit will send you an appeal form and notify the selective high school that an appeal is being lodged.

You must then lodge the completed appeal form within 14 days of the date shown on the outcome letter to:

The Leader
High Performing Students Unit
Locked Bag 53
DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

In making an appeal, parents need to complete an appeal form which includes:

• factors which may have prevented the student from gaining a place

• any supporting material, where applicable. Appeals based on illness must include a medical certificate covering the date of the assessment.

For performance-based appeals, only evidence relating to performance in 2013 and 2014 will be considered.

The Unit will convene the appeals panel and will notify selective high school principals and parents about the outcome of appeals.

Transfers and Repeating

Students cannot automatically transfer between selective high schools. If the student is already enrolled at one selective high school and wants to go to another, you must fill out an application form for entry to Years 8 to 12 and lodge it directly with the selective high school you want your child to attend.

If the student is currently enrolled in a selective high school and you wish your child to repeat the Year in 2015, you should discuss the matter with the principal before 29 June 2014.

**ENROLMENT POLICY**

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has responsibility to assess and manage any risk of harm to its staff or students. This includes assessing and managing risks posed to students or staff at a school by any student. Where relevant, such situations will be dealt with in accordance with the NSW Department of Education and Communities’ enrolment policies and procedures. Information for parents regarding enrolment is available at:


**ENTRY TO RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOLS**

Priority for boarder placement in residential agricultural high schools will be given to geographically isolated students and then to other country students. Some priority will also be given to students who would have to travel extensively to study agriculture. The academic merit of boarders admitted to residential agricultural high schools on the basis of isolation must be comparable to that of other boarders and day students at the school. For boarder placement, extra consideration may be given to students who have brothers or sisters already attending the school.

**Priority for Boarder Placement**

Priority for boarder placement is decided in the following categories:

A. Those students considered ‘geographically isolated’ according to the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Scheme. (For further details see the brochure Assistance for Isolated Children) at:


This includes students who satisfy any ONE of the following rules:

• The 16 kilometre rule: The student is eligible if the distance from the principal family home to the nearest appropriate public school is at least 16 kilometres and the distance to the nearest available transport service to this school is at least 4.5 kilometres OR
• The 56 kilometre rule: The student is eligible if the distance from the principal family home to the nearest appropriate public school is at least 56 kilometres via the shortest practical route OR if there is a school transport service available within 4.5 kilometres of the family home, the distance to the transport pick-up point and then to the school via the transport service must be at least 56 kilometres OR

• Three hour rule: The student is eligible if the travel time for the return journey between home and school is at least 3 hours OR

• Special conditions: The student is eligible if any of the above rules or any other special conditions such as impassable roads prevents the student from attending school on at least 20 school days in the year. To qualify for this criterion the applicant must provide a statement from the school showing dates of absences caused by such conditions in previous years for either the student, a sibling or a neighbouring student.

B. Country students (those living outside Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong) with a demonstrated commitment to agriculture and science who would have to travel at least three hours a day (return) to attend a government school offering agriculture in Years 8 to 10.

C. Other country students with a demonstrated commitment to agriculture and science. These will be considered on the same basis as applicants for day places and will be prioritised on the basis of academic merit.

D. City students (those living in Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong) with a demonstrated commitment to agriculture and science who would have to travel at least three hours a day (return) to attend a government school offering agriculture in Years 8 to 10.

E. Other city students will be considered on the same basis as applicants for day places and will be prioritised on the basis of academic merit.

Note: The student’s ability to cope in a boarder situation will be taken into consideration. Within categories A, B and C, students will be prioritised according to the length of travel time (excluding time spent waiting for transport) and academic merit.

If applying for a boarding place you should complete all of the residential agricultural school section on the application form including:

• isolation factors
• interest in agriculture

• ability to cope in a boarding situation.

In addition to satisfying residency requirements and other conditions for entry, enrolment as a boarding student is subject to the provision of a medical report for the student and the submission of a signed residential agreement.

Note: For Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School and Hurlstone Agricultural High School, a student successful in gaining a boarder placement cannot later be automatically transferred to a day student place as the placement process is different for boarder and day places.

**Boarding Students**

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School enrolls boarding and day boys only. Agriculture is a compulsory subject for Years 7 to 10.

Hurlstone Agricultural High School enrolls co-educational boarding and day students. Agriculture is a compulsory subject for Years 7 to 10 and for students entering the school in Year 11.

Yanco Agricultural High School enrolls co-educational boarding students only. Agriculture is a compulsory subject for Years 7 to 10 and for students entering the school in Year 11.

**Boarding Fees**

You must confirm the 2015 boarding fees and the timing of payments with the school.

Residential agricultural high schools can charge an application fee, which you pay when you accept a residential place. The school deducts that amount from the fees you pay when you enrol your child. If you withdraw your child after accepting the offer of a place, the application fee is not returned to you.

In addition to satisfying residency requirements and other conditions for entry, you must provide a satisfactory medical report and pay the boarding fee.

Note: You must sign a residential student agreement undertaking to pay the boarding fees on the first day of each term. If you do not pay your fees in full and on time, your child’s offer may be withdrawn.
Financial Assistance for Boarding Students

A. Secondary students living away from home allowance (LAFHA)

Application forms are available from residential agricultural high schools and the Allowances Officer, Secondary Students’ Living Away From Home Allowance, Rural and Distance Education, PO Box 717, Bathurst NSW 2795. Telephone 02 6334 8070.

B. Boarding Scholarships for Isolated Students (BSIS)

Further information about the BSIS is available at:

C. Assistance for isolated children scheme (AIC)

Information about this scheme is contained in a brochure published by Centrelink. The brochure and application forms are available from all Centrelink offices or you may wish to telephone 132 318. The brochure is also reproduced at:

In addition, students may be able to obtain assistance from Youth Allowance (phone 132 490) or ABSTUDY (phone 132 317), both of which are administered by the Commonwealth.

Please contact the specific residential agricultural high school for more details about schemes that provide financial assistance to boarding students.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

Alexandria Park Community School
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 12]*
Park Road, Alexandria 2015
Phone: (02) 9698 1967
Web: http://www.alexparkcs-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Email: alexparkcs-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Armide High School
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 11]
Butler Street Armidale 2350
Phone: (02) 6776 7466
Web: http://www.armidale-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Email: armidale-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Auburn Girls High School
(partially selective) [Years 8 and 9 only]
Hunter Street and Braemar Ave, Auburn 2144
Phone: (02) 9649 6949
Web: http://www.auburng-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Email: auburng-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Baulkham Hills High School
(co-educational, fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]
Windsor Road, Baulkham Hills 2153
Phone: (02) 9639 8699
Web: http://www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au
Email: baulkham-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Blacktown Boys High School
(partially selective) [Years 8 to 11]
Sunnyholt Road & Fifth Ave, Blacktown 2148
Phone: (02) 9622 1558
Web: http://www.blacktownb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Email: blacktownb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Blacktown Girls High School
(partially selective) [Years 8 to 11]
Fifth Ave, Blacktown 2148
Phone: (02) 9831 7577
Web: http://www.blacktowng-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Email: blacktowng-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Bonnyrigg High School
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 11]
Elizabeth Drive, Bonnyrigg 2177
Phone: (02) 9823 1184
Web: http://www.bonnyrigg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Email: bonnyrigg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Caringbah High School
(co-educational, fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]
Willarong Road, Caringbah 2229
Phone: (02) 9524 3859
Web: http://www.caringbah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Email: caringbah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Chatswood High School
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 12]
Centennial Ave, Chatswood 2067
Phone: (02) 9419 3611
Web: http://www.chatswood-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Email: chatswood-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Duval High School
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 11]
Crest Road Armidale 2350
Phone: (02) 6772 1266
Web: http://www.duval-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au/
Email: duval-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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Elizabeth Macarthur High School
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 11]
Waterworth Drive, Narellan 2567
Phone: (02) 6764 8600
Web: http://www.elizabeth-h.school.det.nsw.edu.au
Email: elizabeth-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School
(boarding and day students; boys only) [Years 8 to 12]
585 Calala Lane, Tamworth 2340
Phone: (02) 6766 8000
Web: www.farrer.nsw.edu.au
Email: farreragri-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Fort Street High School
(co-educational, fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]
Parramatta Road, Petersham 2049
Phone: (02) 8585 1620
Web: http://www.fortstreet-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: fortstreet-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Girraween High School
(co-educational, fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]
Gilba Road, Girraween 2145
Phone: (02) 9636 7293
Web: http://www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: girraween-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Gorokan High School
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 11]
Goobarah Ave, Gorokan 2263
Phone: (02) 4393 7000
Web: http://www.gorokan-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: gorokan-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Gosford High School
(co-educational, fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]
Racecourse Road, Gosford 2250
Phone: (02) 4325 2048
Email: gosford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Grafton High School
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 11]
Oliver & Mary Streets, Grafton 2460
Phone: (02) 6642 3355
Web: http://www.grafton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: grafton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Granville Boys High School
(partially selective) [Year 8 only]
14 Mary Street, Granville 2142
Phone: (02) 9637 0489
Web: http://www.granvilleb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: granvilleb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Hornsby Girls High School
(fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]
Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby 2077
Phone: (02) 9476 5711
Web: http://www.hornsbygir-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: hornsbygir-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Hurlstone Agricultural High School
(boarding and day students, co-educational) [Years 8 to 12]
Roy Watts Road, Glenfield 2167
Phone: (02) 9829 9222
Web: http://www.hurlstone.com.au
Email: hurlstone-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

James Ruse Agricultural High School
(day students only, co-educational, agriculture is a compulsory subject up to Year 10) [Years 8 to 12]
Fletton Road, Carlingford 2118
Phone: (02) 9871 7126
Web: http://www.jamesruse.nsw.edu.au
Email: jamesruse-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Karabar High School
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 11]
Donald Road, Queanbeyan 2620
Phone: (02) 6298 4333
Web: http://www.karabarhigh.com.au
Email: karabar-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Kooringal High School
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 11]
Ziegler Avenue, Wagga Wagga 2650
Phone: (02) 6922 5155
Web: http://www.kooringal-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: kooringal-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Macquarie Fields High School
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 12]
Harold Street, Macquarie Fields 2564
Phone: (02) 9605 3111
Web: www.macfields-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: macfields-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Merewether High School
(co-educational, fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]
Chatham Street, Broadmeadow 2292
Phone: (02) 4969 3855
Web: http://www.merewether-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: merewether-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Moorebank High School
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 11]
Bangalow Avenue, Moorebank 2170
Phone: (02) 9601 3999
Web: http://www.moorebank-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/
Email: moorebank-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Normanhurst Boys High School
(fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]
Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst 2076
Phone: (02) 9489 1077
Web: http://www.normanhurst-b.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: normanhurst-b.school@det.nsw.edu.au

North Sydney Boys High School
(fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]
Falcon Street, Crows Nest 2065
Phone: (02) 9955 1565
Web: http://www.nsbsbhs.nsw.edu.au
Email: office@nsbsbhs.nsw.edu.au

North Sydney Girls High School
(fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]
365 Pacific Highway, Crows Nest 2065
Phone: (02) 9922 6666
Web: http://www.northsydgi-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: northsydgi-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Northern Beaches Secondary College
Manly Campus
(co-educational, fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]
138 Abbott Rd, North Curl Curl 2099
Phone: (02) 9905 3982
Web: http://www.manlyselective.nsw.edu.au/
Email: nbscmanlys-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Parramatta High School  
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 11]  
Great Western Hwy & Pitt St, Parramatta 2150  
Phone: (02) 9635 8644  
Web: http://www.parramatta-h.school.det.nsw.edu.au  
Email: parramatta-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Peel High School  
(co-educational, partially selective) [Year 8 to 10]  
88 Gunnedah Rd, Tammworth 2340  
Phone: (02) 6765 7088  
Web: http://www.peel-h.school.det.nsw.edu.au  
Email: peel-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Penrith High School  
(co-educational, fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]  
High Street, Penrith: 2750  
Phone: (02) 4721 0529  
Email: penrith-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Prairiewood High School  
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 11]  
Prairievale Road, Wetherill Park 2164  
Phone: (02) 9725 5444  
Web: http://www.prairiewoo-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/  
Email: prairiewoo-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Rose Bay Secondary College  
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 12]  
Hardy Street, Dover Heights 2030  
Phone: (02) 9301 0300  
Web: http://www.rosebay-h.schools.nsw.edu.au  
Email: rosebay-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Ryde Secondary College  
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 12]  
5 Malvina Street, Ryde 2112  
Phone: (02) 9809 4894  
Web: http://www.rcs.nsw.edu.au  
Email: rydesh-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Sefton High School  
(co-educational, partially selective) [Years 8 to 12]  
41-43 Hector Street, Sefton 2162  
Phone: (02) 9644 4800  
Web: http://www.sefton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au  
Email: sefton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Smiths Hill High School  
(co-educational, fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]  
Gipps Street, Wollongong 2500  
Phone: (02) 4229 4266  
Web: http://www.smithshill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au  
Email: smithshill-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

St George Girls High School  
(fully selective) [Years 8 to 12]  
Victoria Street, Kogarah 2217  
Phone: (02) 9587 5902  
Web: http://www.sgghs.com.au  
Email: stgeorgegi-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au  
Note: Partially selective high schools have community-based enrolment as well as selective classes.

* [Years 8 to 12] indicates Years offered in each school.

Note that vacancies may not occur in all Years in all schools.

Alexandria Park, Rose Bay and Tempe have targeted places available for Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islander students.

Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt and Balmain campuses offer places in Years 8 to 10. Students from these campuses will generally proceed to Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus for Years 11 and 12.

Only students from schools in rural and remote locations listed at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_virtual.php may apply for the virtual selective class provision.