



Outcome information bulletin

Outcome advice

For 2012 entry, over 9,000 candidates applied for about 1755 places in 73 schools with Year 5 opportunity classes. All applicants receive individual letters or emails showing the outcome of their applications. The outcome is shown as one (or a combination) of the following:

Offer

Reserve (with list position)

Unsuccessful

Not applicable

Terms used in outcome advice

Offer

Students who are eligible for placement in more than one school are offered a place only at the school of highest choice for which they qualify.

Offer with higher choice reserve

A student who:

- (a) is offered a place in an opportunity class and
- (b) is placed on the reserve list for a school with an opportunity class of higher choice

will receive a subsequent offer if the student's position on a reserve list is reached. Such an offer will be made regardless of whether the previous offer has been accepted or declined.

Reserve list only

A student will receive an offer only if his or her position on the reserve list is reached.

The selection committee offers places or reserve list positions only to those students considered capable of performing successfully in an opportunity class. The parents of students on a reserve list, who no longer wish their children to be considered for placement at that school, should write to the Unit. Address details are shown on page 2 of this bulletin.

* In this document 'parent' includes 'guardian' and 'carer'.

Unsuccessful

This indicates that the student was not successful for placement or a position on the reserve list for that school. As entry to opportunity classes is highly competitive, many of the applicants will be disappointed that they are not successful in gaining a place.

Not applicable

This indicates that the application for this school is not considered because the student was offered a place at a school of higher choice.

After offers are made

Accepting or declining an offer

Enclosed with all offers is a response form.

Parents must show whether they wish to accept or decline the offer. If the student is on a reserve list, parents must also indicate whether they want the student to remain on the reserve list or be removed.

Parents must sign the form and return it to the Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement Unit. The form may be posted, faxed or emailed by the date shown on the response form.

If you intend to email a scanned copy of the response form, a pdf format is preferred.

Please use the student number and family name to label the file as follows: 'C11 123 456 Smith response form'. Please do not send the response form in two different ways such as email and fax.

When your response form is received by the Unit we will send a letter or email telling you we have received it. If you have not received this acknowledgement within 28 days after returning your completed response form you should contact the Unit.

Enrolment and school details

For parents accepting an offer, enrolment information will be available on the school's internet site (See www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement and click on the link to **Schools with Year 5 Opportunity Classes in 2012**) and/or you will receive correspondence giving information about the school and enrolment procedures directly from the school.

Schools may also contact you directly to invite you to their orientation day where you will receive information about the school and enrolment procedures. Some schools will include people on their reserve lists in those invitations while others may not.

Publication of reserve list details

The outcome advice shows a number next to 'Reserve'. This number indicates the position on the reserve list. The reserve list varies in length for each school. Offers from the reserve list do not normally begin before December 2011. If you will be away during January you should provide the Unit with holiday contact details. Alternatively, you may contact the Unit and accept in advance any offer that may be made while you are on holidays.

Progress on the reserve list will be published from December 2011 and regularly updated on the internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/oc_reservelist.php

Please note that appeals or changes of choice may result in students being added to the reserve list. Later in the placement process there may be more than one student on a particular number on the reserve list.

Note: Students on the reserve list will not necessarily be offered a place.

Remaining on the reserve list

After the beginning of the school year, students already enrolled in an opportunity class will no longer remain on the reserve list of another school. Students who have not been enrolled in an opportunity class remain on the reserve list throughout Years 5 and 6, provided they have not already enrolled in another opportunity class.

Note: After 5.00pm on 27 January 2012 no further offers will be made to students who have already accepted a place in an opportunity class.

Documentary evidence

At the time of enrolment students who have received an offer will be required to present proof of Australian or New Zealand citizenship or Australian permanent residency in the form of a birth certificate or other relevant evidence. Evidence that the family resides in NSW will also be required. Schools may also advise you if they require originals of photocopied documents tendered as evidence of academic merit. **Offers or enrolments will be terminated if placement is made on the basis of false or misleading information.**

Enrolment policy

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has a 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 by any student. Information for parents about this policy is available at:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/enrolment/parentsinfo.php>

To **finalise** enrolment in a school with an opportunity class you must have:

1. received an **Authority to Attend** from the Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement Unit
2. satisfied all NSW Department of Education and Communities enrolment requirements.

Appeals

An appeal may be made if there were factors which may have prevented the student from gaining higher school or test marks or if there were other relevant factors which may not have been considered by the selection committee. If your appeal is based on your child's school performance, the panel will consider evidence relating only to performance in Years 3 and 4 up to Friday 10 June 2011. Appeals against a decision of the selection committee will be considered by an appeals panel. Each appeal must be made on an official appeal form which be available on the Department of Education and Communities website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Please contact the Unit for an appeal form if you do not have internet access.

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