



SELECTION FOR YEAR 5 ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS IN 2010

For 2010 entry, over 10,000 candidates applied for about 1740 places in 73 schools with Year 5 opportunity classes. All applicants receive written advice of the outcome of their applications. The advice indicates one or more of the following outcomes:

OFFER	the student is offered a place
RESERVE	the student is on a reserve list and their place on that reserve list is shown
UNSUCCESSFUL	the student is unsuccessful in gaining a place
NOT APPLICABLE	the choice is no longer applicable because the student has been offered a place of higher preference

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.

A response form is enclosed with all offer letters. *Parents must complete the form and return it to the Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement Unit (the Unit) at the address and by the date shown on the response form. Places are offered on condition that all requirements such as residency have been met.

Applicants, regardless of whether they accept or decline an offer, will receive a letter acknowledging receipt of their response. Applicants who have not received this acknowledgement within 28 days of returning their completed response forms should contact the Unit to check that the response form has been received by the Unit.

Enrolment details

When an offer is accepted enrolment information will be available on the school's Internet site (See http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/oc_schools.php) and/or you will receive correspondence giving information about the school and enrolment procedures directly from the school.

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.

Note: After school begins in 2010 **no** further offers will be made to students already placed in an opportunity class.

RESERVE LIST WITHOUT OFFER

A student will receive an offer 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 'caregiver'.

RESERVE LIST

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 2009. 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.

This year the progress on the reserve list will be published from January 2010 and regularly updated on the Internet at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/oc_reserve/oc_reserve.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.

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.

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 capable students may not be placed.

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.

HOLD

Some applications may be placed on 'hold' while the selection committee carries out further enquiries. Applicants in this position may contact the Unit for advice. Contact details are shown below.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

At the time of enrolment students who have received an offer will be required to present proof of Australian citizenship or 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 Training 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 at a school by a student with a history of violence. Information for parents regarding enrolment is available at: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/enrolment/parentsinfo.php>

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 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 5 June 2009. 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 will be sent to you if you contact the Unit on the number shown below. The appeal form will also be available on the Department of Education and Training website at:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/ocplacement.php>

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