



**Sydney  
Secondary  
College**  
Balmain

## Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus Enrichment Program Year 7 2024 Selection Process

Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus provides an enriched environment with stimulating intellectual challenges and opportunities for our students to turn their gifts into talents. Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus has been recognised for many of its initiatives including our programs catering to the specific needs of gifted and talented students. Through specifically targeted programs, our highly qualified staff enrich our students academically, in sport and through the creative and performing arts.

### Important Dates:

31 March 2023	Enrichment Application due (applications will not be accepted after this date)
28 April 2023	Academic Enrichment Class Testing
8 May 2023	Selection interviews/trials/auditions commence for Creativity Enrichment and TAP programs
15 May 2023	Selection interview commence for the Academic Enrichment Class this week

### Academic Enrichment Class

Students are placed in the Academic Enrichment class based on academic merit in areas such as English, Science, History, Geography, LOTE, Mathematics and Technology. In year 7 students are placed according to an academic assessment. The focus of the class is on embedding the use of emerging technologies while providing real world, project-based learning opportunities that enrich and extend the students.

Entry requirements for this class:

1. Submission of this Application Form and portfolio by the 31 March 2023. The portfolio can include school reports and achievements, literacy and numeracy testing results, a creative writing sample and evidence of talent in a particular area.
2. Attendance at the Academic Enrichment Class Testing on 28 April 2023.
3. Based on the results of the Academic testing and portfolio, successful applicants will be called for interview commencing the week of the 15 May 2023. Students are required to discuss their portfolio at this interview.

### Creativity Enrichment Class

Students are placed in the Creativity Enrichment Class based on the demonstration of a talent and interest in Visual Arts, Drama, Music and Design. The school will provide an enriched creative and performing arts program leading to enhanced learning outcomes, developing and enhancing student's current skills and exhibiting their work both in school and the wider community. This is a separate program to the College Instrumental Music Program (IMP).

Entry requirements for this class:

1. Submission of this Application Form and portfolio of work/evidence of their creative and performing arts experiences demonstrating their ability and interest by the 31 March 2023.
2. Successful applicants will be called for interview/audition commencing the week of the 8 May 2023. At the audition/interview, students are required to discuss their portfolio of work/evidence of their creative and performing arts experiences, demonstrating their ability and interest.

### Talented Athlete Program

The Talented Athlete Program is aimed at talented sports people. The program delivers opportunities for students to develop skills related to their sport, fitness training, monitoring of development, nutritional and motivational sessions with opportunities for students to participate in representative sport at all levels. Students are required to attend before school training sessions as part of this program. Selective students can apply.

Entry requirements for this program:

1. Submission of this Application Form and portfolio demonstrating their ability and level of representation in their sport/s by 31 March 2023.
2. Applicants will be called for trials/interviews commencing the week of the 8 May 2023. At this interview, students are required to discuss their portfolio which demonstrates their ability and interest in the sporting program.

**Please note:** Enrichment applications will only be accepted for students residing within the local catchment for SSC Balmain (and those who meet out of area enrolment criteria). In addition to this application form, all applicants are required to complete the DoE High School Expression of Interest Form. All applications will be reviewed by the Balmain Campus Enrolment Committee in line with the Sydney Secondary College Enrolment Policy. A copy of the enrolment policy is available from our school website. The waitlist for placement will be utilised until the end of Term 1 2024. **Portfolios are unable to be returned following submission. Please include copies/photographs rather than originals.**



I would like to submit an application for the:

- Academic Enrichment Class
- Creativity Enrichment Class
- Talented Athlete Program

*Please note: It is possible to apply for more than one of these programs*

**Student Information**

Surname

Given Name

Date of Birth

Current School

Local High School

**Parent / Caregiver Information**

Parent / Caregiver

Home Address

Email Address

Telephone Number

Please provide details of your child's achievements in the nominated area/s: Academic, Sport, Creative and Performing Arts

Please list any school based awards / achievements

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Please list any external awards / achievements

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Has your child been involved in formal or informal leadership roles?

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Describe your child's attitude toward learning

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Is there anything else you would like us to know about your child? Eg. Personal characteristics that may support this application.

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**Please submit this completed form and portfolio to Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus by 31 March 2023.**