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# High Potential & Gifted Education Selective and Enrichment classes

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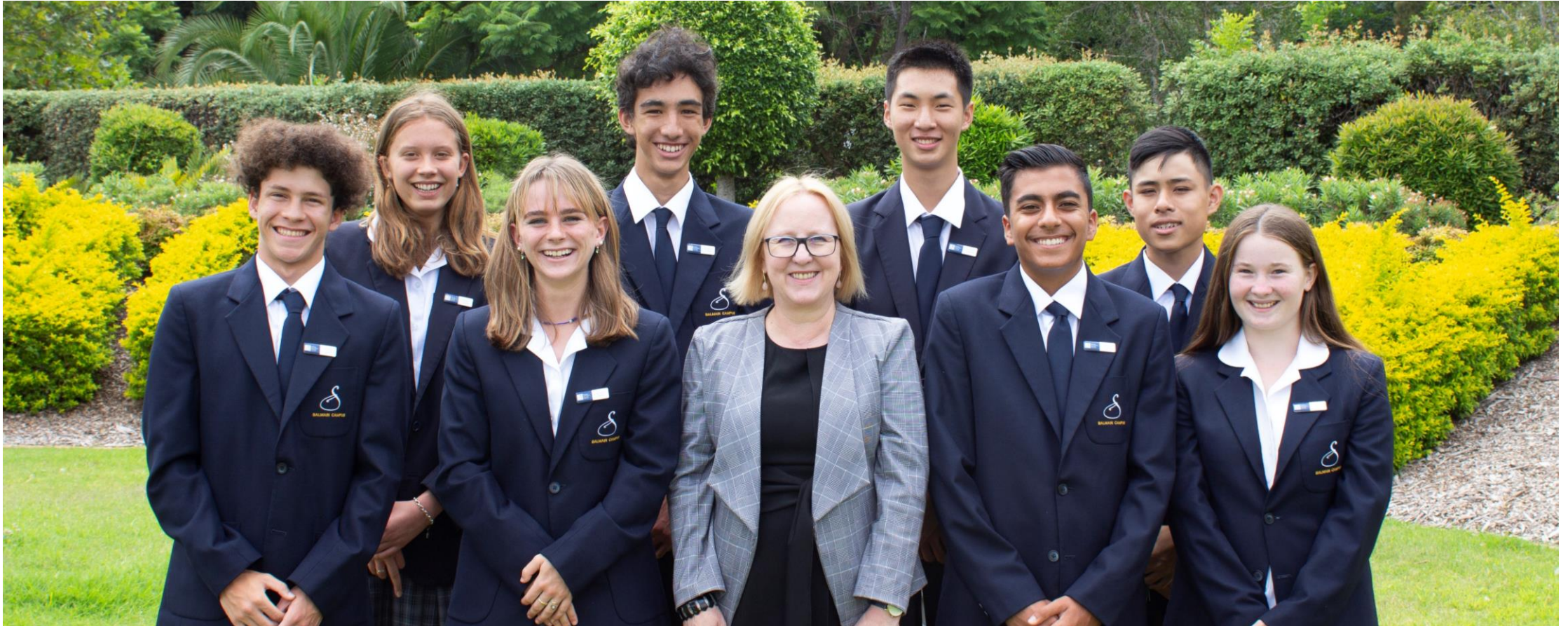
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# Welcome video





# Principal's Address

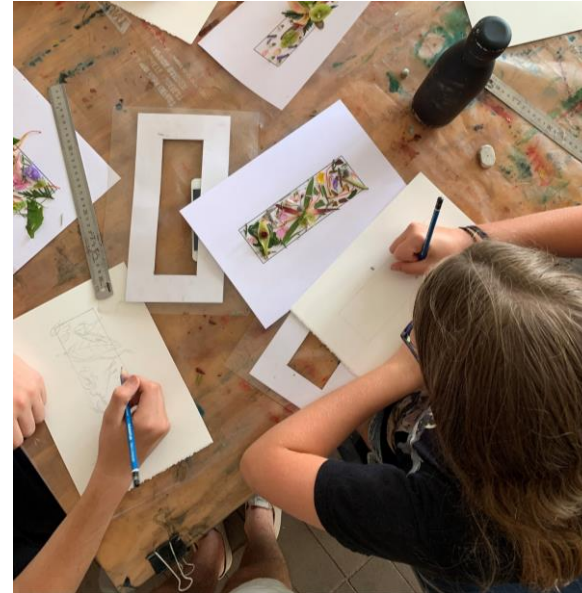




# High Potential Gifted Education (HPGE) at Balmain Campus



- Three levels gifted and talented programs:
  - Selective Stream – 2 classes
  - Comprehensive Stream:
    - Academic Enrichment class
    - Creativity Enrichment class
    - Talented Athlete Program
  - Individual gifted and talented student pathways within classes
- Co curricular programs



# How to Assist HPGE Students

- Differentiate the curriculum
- Curriculum compacting
- Higher levels of abstraction and complexity
- Long term projects
- Multidisciplinary units of work
- Mentoring
- HSC acceleration program
- HPGE policy



# Extra Curricular Programs

## College Instrumental Music Program

<https://www.sscimp.com/>

## Extra curricular opportunities at Balmain

Art Klub  
Click Club  
Creative Writing Group  
Dance Ensemble  
Linguistics Club  
Talented Athlete Program

Duke of Edinburgh  
Debating  
Girls Coding Club  
Robotics Club  
Student Representative Council  
Theatresports



# Deputy Principal Address



Ms Swanson

# Entry into the Selective Stream Year 7



- Placement is administered by the High Performing Students Unit.
- Placement is offered based on academic merit and the order of school choices.
- Students' academic merit is judged based on reading, writing, mathematics and general ability as demonstrated in the Selective High School Placement Test, and primary school assessments in English and Mathematics.
- Information about applying for selective high schools is available on the DoE website.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>



# Entry into the Selective Stream Year 7



- Applicants can choose up to three selective schools in their application.
- Balmain Campus has a selection committee which makes decisions about placements.
- To finalise enrolment you must have received an Authority to attend letter from the high performing students unit, and be able to provide proof of Australian permanent residency or citizenship of Australia or New Zealand.

# Selection Committees

- Place applicants for that school in order of their calculated placement scores
- Look at the likely impact of disability and illness/ misadventure requests
- Give priority to isolated students who apply for boarding at agricultural high schools
- Consider matters affecting students outside the age or school year
- Give consideration to students who are Aboriginal or who have been educated in English for less than 48 months
- Look at other evidence of academic merit if necessary
- List students for offers and reserve places according to the number of vacancies at the school
- Consider any other relevant factors brought to their attention.



# Key Dates - Year 7 2023



## Key dates for Year 7 Selective placement 2023:

- Tuesday 19 October 2021 - Application website opens
- Wednesday 17 November 2021 - Application website closes. You must apply by the due date.
- Thursday 10 March 2022 - Selective High School Placement Test
- Early July 2022- Placement outcome information is expected to be released

For general information about selective schools please see the following web site: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

To apply for a 2023 place in a Year 7 selective class please see the following web site: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

# Entry into the Selective Stream Years 8-10



- Application forms will be available on the High Performance Unit during June 2022.
- Applications close towards the end of July 2022.
- Forms and additional information to be submitted to the school addressed to the Principal by the due date.



# Deputy Principal's Address



# Purpose of Enrichment

- **Enrichment** is a unique opportunity for our students to extend their giftedness and talents.
- The experiences of these opportunities will enable each student to be extended across academic, creative and athletic areas but also to pursue their individual talent or area of excellence with guidance and mentoring.





# 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 and portfolio. 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.

# 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.



# 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 into Enrichment



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Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus  
Enrichment Program  
Year 7 2023  
Application Form



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I would like to submit an application for the:

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

- The following questions are asked as part of the application:
  - 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
  - Please list any external awards / achievements
  - Has your child been involved in formal or informal leadership roles?
  - Describe your child's attitude toward learning
  - Is there anything else you would like us to know about your child? Eg. Personal characteristics that may support this application.
- **Please submit this completed form and portfolio to Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus by 1 April 2022**

## Enrichment Key dates proposed for Year 7 2023



- 1 April 2022 - Enrichment Application Form for all three programs due
- 28 April 2022 - Academic Enrichment Class Testing
- 9 May 2022 – Selection interviews/trials/auditions commence for Creativity and TAP programs during this week
- 16 May 2022 – Selection interviews commence for the Academic Enrichment Class this week



# Entry into Enrichment

- Access the application from the schools web site.
- Enrichment is available to in-area students only

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-management-schools/year-6-to-year-7-transition/Moving into Year 7 in a Government School 2022 online.pdf>



NSW Department of Education



## Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government school in 2022

It is time to start the transition of your child from  
Year 6 to Year 7.

16/11/2021

**Section C – Placement at other government schools**

Other government school choices include:

- a **specialist** government school. Please note that specialist schools will have additional application requirements.
- a **specific program** in a government school. Please note that individual schools will have additional application requirements for specific programs.
- a **support class** through a placement panel to cater for students with additional learning and support needs.
- a **non-local** government school. Please outline your reasons for seeking non-local placement(s) at the bottom of this page (and on page 11 if required).

I wish to seek placement for my child at the following government schools:

Choice 1 school:

Choice 2 school:

Choice 3 school:

Please note that specialist schools, schools with specific programs and support class placement will have additional application requirements. You may wish to seek assistance from your primary school principal.

I understand that if my child is not successful in gaining placement in one of the above schools, she/he will be placed in the designated local school listed in Section B.

Signature of parent/carer:  Date:

# Scholarships

## Four scholarships are available:

- William Rubensohn Foundation
- John Welton Trust
- Jill Collier Award
- Seth Storey Scholarship





# Support for parents

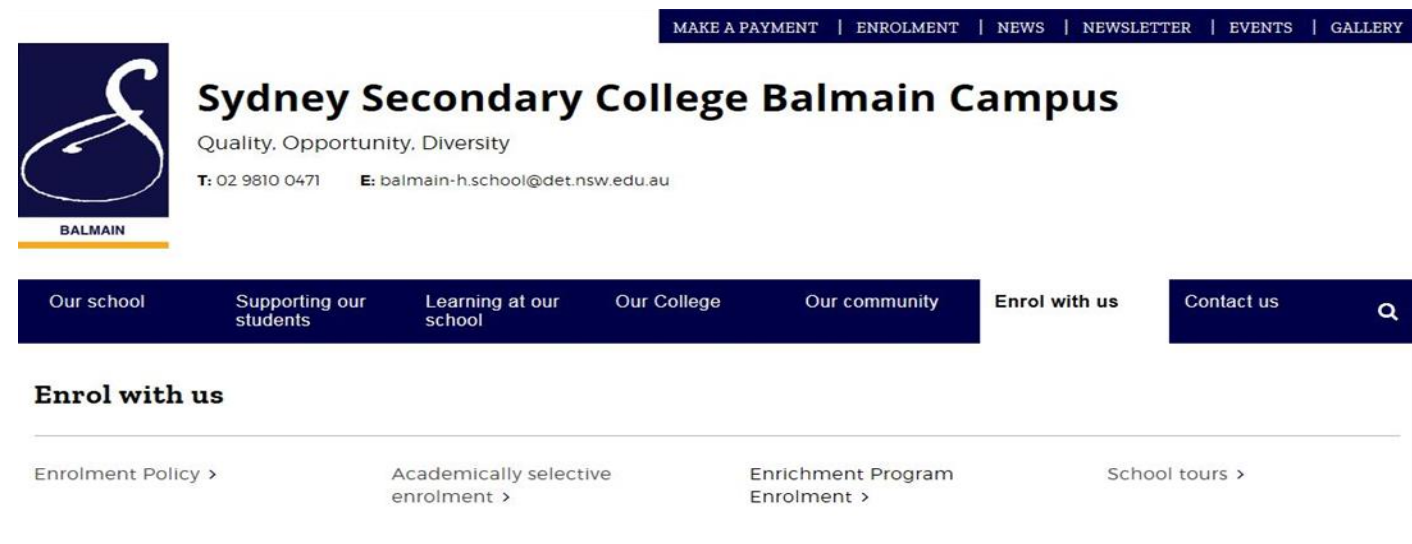


Sydney Secondary College **Balmain Campus** Website: [https://balmain-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/enrol\\_with\\_us.html](https://balmain-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/enrol_with_us.html)

**GERRIC** (Gifted Education Research and Resource Centre) - <https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/>

**AAEGT** (Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented) - [http://www.aaegt.net.au/?page\\_id=786](http://www.aaegt.net.au/?page_id=786)

**GFSG** (Gifted Families Support Group) - <https://www.gfsg.org.au/>





## More Information

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