



Mount Pritchard Public School

Deeds Not Words

OC and Selective High School Policy 2017

Information for applying selective high schools and opportunity classes

At Mount Pritchard Public School we offer a range of opportunities for all students. Two of these are the opportunity to apply for a placement in an Opportunity Classes (OC) and a selective high schools

The High Performing Students Unit administers both process. Successful applicants enrol in a primary school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6. Selective high school classes commence as the student enters Year 7. This may both be at a different school to their previous schooling.

A comprehensive set of criteria and the application process is laid out in detail via the New South Wales Department of Education's High Performing Unit.

Information about OC applications:

<https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/49795d1c-b339-43e9-aa48-02e496d165f1/1/oc-applicpack.pdf>

Application dates: April

Information about selective high school applications:

<https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/eafa8804-3a28-4730-9fc0-0ee49dd90f83/1/SHS-application-information.pdf>

Application dates: October

Please note that for both applications it is the responsibility of the student to submit their application on time and late applications will not be accepted.

A selection committee is convened for each application and is made up of at least two people – the school principal and a district guidance officer or school counsellor. All selection committees use the same criteria but each school makes its decisions independently.

Placement is determined through:

- English language, mathematics and general ability results of the **Opportunity Class Placement Test**
- **School assessment scores** in English and mathematics.

The school assessment scores may include, but are not limited to:

- classroom assessments (curriculum data, teacher summative and formative assessment) We will use data from their end of year school report to create 50% of their score.
- external examinations (NAPLAN assessment data). We will use data from year 5 NAPLAN results to create the other 50% of their score.

Students are scored and ranked based on the assessment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.