

Selective High School Placement Test 2022 for entry to Year 7 in 2023

Test information for parents and students in public schools

When will the test be held?

The test will be held on **Thursday 10 March 2022 at 9.00am** at your child's primary school.

How long does the test take?

Parents must drop students off at the school entrance as usual by **9.00am**. Students will return to class or their lunch break after the test.

There is a short rest break after the first test, a longer break after the second test when students can eat the snack they bring, and a short rest break after the third test.

Dropping off and collecting your child

Observe any parking restrictions near the school.

Parents will not be allowed to stay on school grounds during the test. The only exception is where a parent has prior written authority to attend for medical reasons.

Collect your child from school at the usual time school finishes.

What if something goes wrong?

If something occurs to prevent your child attending the test or doing his or her best in the test, you can submit a request for consideration of illness or misadventure by 17 March 2022. You will need to get a medical certificate and independent evidence of illness covering the day if the problem is medical, or other relevant evidence if it is not about illness or injury.

Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/the-test/illness-or-misadventure> for more information about submitting an Illness/misadventure request.

If your child arrives late there will be no extra time given.

Hygiene precautions

Wearing of masks and using hand sanitiser is permitted if you wish your child to do so. The test administrator and supervisors will be observing hygiene requirements in place as for NSW schools.

Do not bring your child to the test if he or she is ill with respiratory disease.

If students are sick with signs of respiratory illness they cannot be admitted to sit the test. Should your child test positive or develop COVID-19 like symptoms prior to the test, please follow current NSW Health advice and observe any isolation and safety requirements.

The current NSW Health advice as of 14 February states that a person who tests positive to COVID-19 must self-isolate at home for 7 days from the date they were tested. Self-isolation means staying in your home or accommodation and remaining separated from others. Household contacts must also self-isolate for 7 days, and have a rapid antigen test (RAT) as soon as possible and again on Day 6.

If your child is unable to attend the placement test due to illness, you will be able to follow the usual process to submit a request for consideration of [Illness or Misadventure](#). The High Performing Students Team will review each case and advise parents about using alternative evidence of academic merit for selective high school placement.

What should students wear to the test?

Students should wear school uniform, including a jumper and a hat for the break.

What to bring to the test

Students must bring **two 2B pencils, an eraser and sharpener**. These are not provided.

Students must bring a printed copy of their **Test authority letter** that shows their application number.

Students may bring a wristwatch that does **not** make a noise or calculate, communicate or photograph.

Students SHOULD bring:	Students SHOULD NOT bring:
Glasses, asthma inhaler (and spacer) and tissues if required. Other equipment and medical devices that have been approved before the test.	Pens, pencil cases, rulers, note paper or other material such as dictionaries or books.
Clear plastic water bottle – with no writing on it except for the brand name (to be stored under the seat to avoid spills).	Equipment such as calculators, computers, mobile phones, computer watches, watches that calculate or beep, or any device that calculates, photographs or communicates.
A substantial snack to eat during the break as lunch will be late, especially if the test is delayed.	Snacks containing nuts or nut products.

For further information go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/the-test>.

Tips for students

The test is designed to show your ability so there is no particular material to study before the test. You'll use your knowledge and skills to answer challenging questions. You can watch a [video about the test](#).

Sample tests

You can see the types of questions that may be asked, and the explanation of answers, in the practice tests at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/the-test>. Practise answering the questions using the relevant answer sheet.

On test day

- Go to the toilet before you leave home.
- You will be told by your teacher which room to go to for the test.
- Pay attention and follow all instructions from the test administrator and supervisors at all times.
- Put your hand up if you have a problem or a question or if you need to go to the toilet.
- Don't talk to other students once you enter the test room.
- In the test room you will sit at the desk which has a sheet showing your name and other personal details.
- There will be a short rest break after the first and third tests and a longer break after the second test, when you may go outside and eat food you have brought.

The tests

There are four tests. They will be done in this order:

Reading	40 minutes	30 multiple choice questions
Mathematical reasoning	40 minutes	35 multiple choice questions
Thinking skills	40 minutes	40 multiple choice questions
Writing	30 minutes	1 writing task

During the test

Listen carefully to instructions.

Put your hand up if you have any problems or any questions at any time.

You will be asked to copy your name and application number onto all of your test papers.

Answer sheets

Read each test question carefully before you start answering it. Think about what it asks you to do. Choose the answer that you think is best.

Answer questions on the answer sheet by using the pencil to shade in the circle clearly underneath the option you choose. If you change your mind about the answer, rub it out thoroughly and show your new answer clearly. Keep checking that the number of the question you are working on in the question paper is the same as the number you are shading on the answer sheet. If you find you are answering a question at the wrong place, start the next question at the correct place. Go back to fix the problem later if you have time, changing one question at a time.	1 A B C D E ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ 2 A B C D E ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
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Print off a sample answer sheet to use for practice at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/the-test>

Make sure you show your answers on the answer sheet. Answers recorded in the question paper cannot be marked. Answer in the question paper only if you have been given permission to do so and if so, you will have separate instructions.

Marks are not taken off for wrong answers. Incorrect, double or blank answers score zero. It is better to have a guess rather than leave an answer blank as this helps you make sure you are answering on the correct line.

If you want to work anything out in the multiple-choice tests you can write on the question paper or on the back of the sheet with your personal details on it. For the writing test there is a page for planning in the question paper that you can use if you wish. Any notes that you have made in the question paper or on the writing planning page or personal details sheet will not be marked.

In the writing test you must write only about the question you are given. The question will ask you to write for a particular purpose and audience. Markers will pay attention to creative ideas, the structure of the writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation as well as effectiveness for the purpose and audience.

Timing

Use your time wisely. Work steadily. If you find a question too difficult, do not spend a long time on it. Shade in the answer you think is best and come back to that question later if you have time.

There will be no time warnings during the test. You will need to check the test centre's official clock to find out how much time you have left. Put your hand up if you cannot see it clearly.

Test conditions

If suspected of cheating you risk having the test marks not counted. Please make sure you:

- do not open the question paper until the presiding officer tells you to do so
- do not look at the work of others during the test
- do not talk to other students while in the test room
- do not keep writing after you are told to stop
- cover your answers with your personal details sheet as you work, to prevent any copying.

Good advice

Get a good night's sleep the night before the test and try to keep calm. It's normal to feel nervous about a test. If you can relax, you will have a better chance to think clearly and do your best.