



Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS)

Year 7 2021 Academic Extension Class

General Achievement Test Information and Application Process

Dear Parents and Year 7 2021 Students

On Thursday 19 March 2020 a General Achievement Test will be offered for students to be considered for selection in the Year 7 2021 Academic Extension Classes at Barrenjoey, Narrabeen Sports and Pittwater High Schools and NBSC Cromer Campus.

Students are eligible for placement in the Academic Extension Class only at their local designated secondary school. Please go to <http://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder> to confirm your child's local school.

General Achievement Test

The General Achievement Test is a two hour externally sourced test focusing on English, Mathematics and Science skills. The format is:

- ▶ Reading and Language (40 minutes) – 40 multiple choice questions from stimulus material
- ▶ Mathematics (40 minutes) – 40 multiple choice questions
- ▶ Writing task (30 minutes) – 1 writing task

A fee of \$45 covers the cost of external marking, administration, test supervision and materials.

Examination Procedures

Due to increased demand for the test, it will be held in three locations.

- Barrenjoey High School will host students from Avalon, Bilgola Plateau and Newport Primary Schools.
- NBSC Cromer Campus will host students from Cromer, Wheeler Heights and Collaroy Plateau Primary Schools.
- Narrabeen Sport High School will host students from all other PCS primary schools.

Please note that this is for administration purposes only and does not reflect what may be your local PCS high school. Successful students will be offered a position in their local PCS high school.

The test begins at 9:15am in the school hall of the test venue. Please ensure students report to the Hall by 9:05am. At 11:30am the test will conclude. Please collect students immediately following the test as supervision will not be provided.

School Selection Criteria

1. Any Year 6 student can sit the General Achievement Test.
2. PCS secondary schools will offer Academic Extension Class positions to successful in-area students only.

School Selection Process

Following receipt of test results the PCS secondary school principals will offer placement to the highest ranked students for the Academic Extension Class at their school. A reserve list will also be established.

General Achievement Application Form

Applications must be received at the appropriate high school, **no later than Friday 21 February 2020** because on Monday 24 February orders for tests are placed. Applications will only be processed with a valid payment via the "Make a Payment" option on the school website, credit card or cheque payable to Barrenjoey High School enclosed with the completed application form.

A confirmation email will be sent by Friday 6 March 2020.

Admission to the test hall on test day

Only registered students will be allowed to sit the test.

Please email enquiries to: Belinda.watson@det.nsw.edu.au

Sincerely

PCS Secondary School Principals

Key Dates

Application information available in schools to Year 6 2020 parents	Term 4 2019
Complete and return application by	21 February 2020
Confirmation email	6 March 2020
Extension test date	19 March 2020

PCS Secondary School 2020 Open Nights – Tuesday 3 March 2020

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General Achievement Test Application Form

Test Date: 9:15am Thursday 19 March 2020

Venue: Barrenjoey High School Hall
Coonanga Road AVALON

Student Name: _____

Current Primary School: _____

Residential Address: _____

Parent Names: _____

Email Address: _____

Mobile: _____

Our preferred method of payment is POP, "Parent Online Payment". A button to access this online payment system titled '\$ Make a Payment' is visible on the utility bar on the front page of the **Barrenjoey High School** website: <https://www.barrenjoeyhighschool.com.au/about-us/fees-and-voluntary-contributions/make-a-payment/>

If paying by POP please ensure that you use the description:

BHS Talented Academic Program and "Student Name"

Payments open Monday 10 February 2020 and close Friday 21 February at 4pm.

Payment Method

Please tick appropriate box

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POP

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Cash

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Credit Card

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Cheque Payable to Barrenjoey High School

POP Receipt number: _____

Date Paid: _____

Please forward application with \$45 payment by 21 February 2020 to:

Barrenjoey High School
Coonanga Road
AVALON NSW 2107

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Friday 21 February 2020 by 4.00pm

Money orders or cheques should be made out to Barrenjoey High School