



# Placement outcome information

## Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2025



Parents/carers will receive an email notification when their outcome information is available in their application dashboard. Please also visit the department's [Outcomes](#) webpage for additional information.

### How to view the outcomes

**Step 1:** Log in to your application dashboard. Select the 3 dots in the 'Action' column under Applications.

Applications						Search 
Application number ↓	Placement	Student	Alerts	Status	Action	
▼ S24000000	Selective high school	Sample Student		<b>SUBMITTED</b>		

**Step 2:** Select 'View outcomes'.

Applications						Search 
Application number ↓	Placement	Student	Alerts	Status	Action	
▼ S24000000	Selective high school	Sample Student		<b>SUBMITTED</b>		
					<a href="#">View application</a> <a href="#">Update application</a> <a href="#">View outcomes</a> <a href="#">Withdraw application</a>	

**Step 3:** Outcomes are shown.

The Outcome column will either indicate Offer, Reserve, Unsuccessful or N/A (not applicable) for each school choice.

Home > Dashboard > Outcomes

Student application: S24000000

Student name: Sample Student Student performance report

Placement process: Selective high school for 2024/2025

### Outcomes

Choice	School	Outcome	Reserve band	Outcome sent	Response due	Response	Action
1	Sydney Girls High School (Surry Hills)	Unsuccessful		23/08/2024			Accept Decline
2	Hurlstone Agricultural High School (Glenfield) (Day)	Reserve	A (refer to the "Placement outcome information" document)	23/08/2024			Withdraw
3	Macquarie Fields High School (Macquarie Fields)	Offer		23/08/2024		No response	Accept Decline

What the outcome terms mean

Outcome term	Description
<b>Offer</b>	The student is being offered a place at the school. The offer must be accepted or declined.
<b>Reserve</b>	This means the student is on the reserve list (waiting list) for that school and is not yet eligible to be made an offer. The student will receive an offer only if his or her position on the reserve list is reached.

Outcome term	Description
<b>Unsuccessful</b>	The student was not successful for placement at that school choice and is not on the reserve list.
<b>N/A (not applicable)</b>	The application for this school is not considered because the student was offered a place at a school of higher choice.

## Examples of placement outcomes

### 1) Offer only

The second and third choices are not applicable (N/A) because there is an offer for a higher choice. If there is an offer, you need to either **accept** or **decline** it.

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**Student application:** S24000000

**Student name:** Sample Student

**Placement process:** Selective high school for 2024/2025

[Student performance report](#)

### Outcomes

Choice	School	Outcome	Reserve band	Outcome sent	Response due	Response	Action
1	Fort Street High School (Petersham)	Offer		23/08/2024			<div style="display: flex; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 5px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">Accept</div> <div style="background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 5px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">Decline</div> </div>
2	Sydney Technical High School (Bexley)	N/A		23/08/2024			<div style="display: flex; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #ccc; padding: 5px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">Accept</div> <div style="background-color: #ccc; padding: 5px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">Decline</div> </div>
3	Moorebank High School (Moorebank)	N/A		23/08/2024			<div style="display: flex; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #ccc; padding: 5px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">Accept</div> <div style="background-color: #ccc; padding: 5px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">Decline</div> </div>

### 2) Offer with higher choice 'Reserve'

Decide whether to **'Accept'** or **'Decline'** the offer. You will remain on the Reserve list for the higher choice unless you select 'Withdraw' (as an example, because you are satisfied with the offered school).

## Outcomes

Choice	School	Outcome	Reserve band	Outcome sent	Response due	Response	Action
1	James Ruse Agricultural High School (Carlingford)	Reserve	A (refer to the "Placement outcome information" document)	23/08/2024			<b>Withdraw</b>
2	North Sydney Boys High School (Crows Nest)	Offer		23/08/2024	06/09/2024	No response	<b>Accept</b> <b>Decline</b>
3	Normanhurst Boys High School (Normanhurst)	N/A		23/08/2024			Accept Decline

### 3) Reserve only

You can withdraw from the reserve list if you do not want the place.

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1	James Ruse Agricultural High School (Carlingford)	Unsuccessful		23/08/2024			Accept Decline
2	North Sydney Girls High School (Crows Nest)	Unsuccessful		23/08/2024			Accept Decline
3	Hornsby Girls High School (Hornsby)	Reserve	F (refer to the "Placement outcome information" document)	23/08/2024			<b>Withdraw</b>

### 4) Unsuccessful

If an applicant is not offered a place at any of their school choices, the choices won't be shown, and they will receive a message informing them that their placement application was unsuccessful.

## Accepting or declining an offer

If you wish to accept an Offer, select 'Accept' in the 'Action' column for the school that shows an offer. You must select 'Accept' by the response date shown or **you will lose the offer**.

If you accept the offer, but later change your mind, you can then decline it.

However, if you already know that you do not want to accept an offer, please select 'Decline', so that it can be offered to another student.

**Important:** If you decline an offer you **cannot** get the offer back – the place will be offered to the next eligible student.

## Boarder agricultural high schools

If you accept an offer as a boarder, you need to send back the residential agreement and student medical history forms that the school sends you.

If you've already accepted an **early offer** from the boarding school, you also need to confirm the offer in your online application dashboard if you want to keep it.

## Reserve lists

If the Outcome is showing as 'Reserve' it means your child is on the reserve list (waiting list) for that school (or schools). You may be made an offer later if your child's position on the reserve list is reached before all vacancies are filled.

Students on reserve lists are **not** guaranteed an offer of a place. The reserve list varies in length for each school.

Applicants whose children are on a reserve list and do not hold an offer to another selective high school may be offered a place from the reserve list if their child's position is reached any time up until at least the end of Term 1, 2025 (or until mid-June 2025 at the latest).

Refer to 'Reserve lists – decision date' below for advice if you have accepted an offer but also remain on a reserve list(s) near the end of the school year.

## Reserve list and an offer

If you accept an offer for one school, for a certain time your child may also remain on the reserve list for another school (or schools) listed as a higher choice on your application.

If, after accepting an offer, you are offered a place at a school of higher choice, one of 2 decisions can be made:

1. If you accept the higher choice offer, your previous offer will be automatically declined.
2. If you decline the offer, you will retain the previous offer you accepted – unless you actively decline that previous offer as well.

Whether you accept or decline any previous offer, you will receive an offer to a school of higher choice if we reach your child's position on that reserve list. If you decide that you do not wish your child to remain on the reserve list for a school, select 'Withdraw'.

## Reserve lists – decision date

If you have accepted an offer and your child is also on a reserve list, your child's name will be removed from the reserve list by 3 pm on the last day students attend school, Wednesday 18 December 2024.

**Important:** To remain on the reserve list after this date the currently accepted offer must be declined before 18 December 2024.

## Declining a reserve outcome

If your child is on a reserve list but you are sure you do not want your child to be placed in that school, please select 'Withdraw'. You cannot change this decision later.

## Aurora College

There is no reserve list for Aurora College as the College works with host high schools as soon as outcomes are released.

## Remaining on the reserve list

After 3 pm Wednesday 18 December 2024, offers will be made only to students on a reserve list (or lists) who are not currently holding an accepted offer to a selective high school.

## Reserve band

Students on reserve lists are offered a place only when someone declines a place at that school.

The 'Reserve band' column provides a general estimate for how long it might take to receive an offer from your child's position on the reserve list for that school. This is based on when students in a similar position were offered a place during the previous year's placement process.

The times frames below are **estimates** only. The number and timing of declined offers can vary each year.

The band estimates based on last year's reserve list movement are:

- A – within 1 month of the outcome notification
- B – within 2 months of the outcome notification
- C – within 3 months of the outcome notification
- D – within 4 months of the outcome notification
- E – within 5 months of the outcome notification
- F – offer not likely by the end of the year.

## Performance report

As part of your outcome information, within your application dashboard you will also see a link to your child's 'Performance report'.

The Performance report shows how your child performed in comparison to the other students who took the test in that year.

For each of the test components, the report shows that your child performed within one of 4 bands:

- top 10% of candidates
- next 15% of candidates
- next 25% of candidates
- lowest 50% of candidates.

View an [example of a performance report \(PDF 245 KB\)](#).

Watch the video [Understanding your child's performance report](#).

The Performance report does not show the percentage of correct answers a child has achieved for any of the test components, rather how many other students performed within the same range. The Performance report does not provide an individual's test scores or placement rank. Test scores or placement rankings are not available.

## Results enquiry – Writing test only

Parents who believe there has been an error in the **processing** or **reporting** of their child's test results may request a results enquiry for the **Writing test only**. A results enquiry for the **Writing test** involves:

- checking that the students' data is matched correctly to their test
- a clerical check of any computer marked answer sheets to ensure that there were no errors in the scanning or marking processes
- a review of examiner-marked components by a senior examiner to ensure that the marking criteria have been appropriately applied
- A results enquiry may change the original outcome for each school preference, or it may result in no change. Please note that if your child's performance is lowered by a results enquiry, any existing offer or reserve listing may be withdrawn.

Requesting a results enquiry will not lead to a placement score or rank being given to parents. However, parents will be told if their child's outcome changes after a results enquiry and a new Performance report will be provided if their child's performance bands change.

Information about the results enquiry is available on the [Appeals](#) page of our website. A results enquiry must be submitted within five working days after the original outcome notification.

## Appeals

If you consider you have grounds for an appeal against your child's outcome that are not related to test marking, first check the [Appeals](#) page our website to ensure you have valid reason for an appeal.

If you have a valid reason, complete the appeal form in your application portal within five working days of your initial outcome notification.



## Enrolment

If you accept an offer, you will receive an email asking you to complete an online enrolment.

To enrol in selective high school or opportunity class you must meet all NSW Department of Education enrolment conditions, more details are on our website at [Enrolment](#).

You need to complete the online enrolment within 2 weeks of receiving the email. For more information visit [Online enrolment](#).

You should also check the enrolment information on the school's website. Your application to enrol will be finalised once you have met with the school and provided all the relevant identity and medical documentation.

If you accept another offer from a school of higher choice, you will receive a new enrolment email to complete within 2 weeks. Your previously accepted enrolment will be automatically cancelled.

Selective high school applicants will also receive an 'Authority to attend' letter for their child to take on their first day of school. This letter will be available from the application dashboard and must be presented to the school on the first day.

## Documentary evidence

At the time of enrolment, students who have accepted an offer are required to present proof of Australian citizenship, permanent residency or eligible visa. Usually, this would be a birth certificate, passport, visa grant notice or citizenship certificate. Evidence that the family resides in NSW is also required.

Schools may also ask you if they need to see originals of photocopied documents you have supplied.

**Important:** Offers will be cancelled if based on false or misleading information.

## Enrolment policy

The NSW Department of Education has a responsibility to assess and manage any risk of harm to its staff or students. This includes assessing and managing risks posed to students or staff by any student. Please visit the department's [Enrolment](#) website for more information.

## Contact

Please send a message through your application dashboard if you wish to contact us about your outcome. This is the quickest way to get a response to your query.

If you are unable to log in to the dashboard, see the contact details below:

### **Selective Education Unit**

Email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au)

Telephone: 1300 880 367

Web: [education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](http://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc)

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