

## Opportunity Class Placement Test in 2024 for entry to Year 5 in 2025

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 1 August 2024 at 9.00 am** at the allocated test centre in NSW.

### How long does the test take?

The test will run from **9.00 am** until **11.40 am**. The test finish time may vary according to the size of the test centre and its facilities. If the test finishes early, students will be supervised.

There is a short break between all tests. During the break, students remain seated or may go to the toilet. A sample timetable is shown below.

**Table 1 – Sample test timetable**

Activity	Start	Finish
Students arrive between	8:45 am	9:00 am
Test administration (students are seated and given instructions, etc.)	9:00 am	9:30 am
Test 1 – Reading (30 minutes)	9:30 am	10:00 am
Break (students remain seated or go to bathroom)	10:00 am	10:10 am
Test 2 – Mathematical Reasoning (40 minutes)	10:10 am	10:50 am
Break (students remain seated or go to bathroom)	10:50 am	11:00 am
Test 3 – Thinking Skills (30 minutes)	11:00 am	11:30 am
Students leave and are expected to return to school		11:40 am

## Dropping off and collecting your child

Parents must take students to entrance of the test centre **between 8:45 – 9:00 am. There is no supervision for students before 8.45 am. Parents must return at 11:40 am** to pick them up. Please do not be late to collect your child.

If you arrange for your child to be collected by someone else or to walk to school or home, you must **send a note** with your child to the Chief Invigilator giving permission and accepting responsibility for your child's safety.

Follow the **signs** to the test centre entrance. **Do not use any other entrance onto the grounds** of the test centre.

Please do not be late to collect your child. If you arrange for your child to be collected by someone else or to walk to school or home, you must send a note with your child to the Chief Invigilator giving permission and accepting responsibility for your child's safety.

When arriving do not park in the school car park or near the school grounds and observe any instructions about parking restrictions. Take care not to block access to driveways.

Follow the signs to **walk your child to the test centre entrance** where you will be met by an invigilator (test supervisor). Please always follow the directions of the invigilator. Parents will not be allowed past the test centre entrance on the school or test centre grounds. The only exception is where a parent has written permission to attend for medical reasons. Please give anaphylaxis kits or other approved equipment to the Anaphylaxis invigilator at the entrance.

Test day is a regular school day for test centre schools so it is important to avoid disruption to staff and students at the school. If your child is allocated to a test centre that is not at a school, please consider the other users of the building.

Collect your child from the same entrance after the test.

## What should students wear to the test?

Students should wear their school uniform, including a warm jumper.

## What should students take to the test

Students must bring a **printed** copy of the ‘**Test authority letter**’ (available in your [application dashboard](#)) that shows their application number and their test centre.

**Table 2 – What students should and should not bring**

Students SHOULD bring	Students should NOT bring
Two 2B pencils, an eraser and a pencil sharpener, glasses, asthma inhaler (and spacer), diabetes monitoring equipment if required	Pencil cases, rulers, note paper or other material such as dictionaries or books
Water bottle – with no writing on it except for the brand name (kept under the seat)	Equipment such as calculators, computers, mobile phones, smart watches, watches that calculate or beep, or any device that calculates, photographs, connects or communicates
Any item that has been approved as an adjustment for disability, such as special equipment, food or medication, and their Reasonable adjustments letter.	Any item or medication not already approved as an adjustment for disability

Students may bring a wristwatch that does **not** make a noise or calculate, connect, communicate or photograph but the test centre clock is the official timekeeper.

If students have been granted an adjustment for the test, they should bring their **printed Reasonable adjustments letter** and any items listed in it.

## About the test

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

Test	Duration	Questions
Reading	30 minutes	25 multiple choice
Mathematical Reasoning	40 minutes	35 multiple choice
Thinking Skills	30 minutes	30 multiple choice

Students are given a question paper and answer sheet for each test. Answers are shown by shading in circles on the answer sheet next to the question numbers.

Practice tests are available at [The test](#). Use these to help your child become familiar with the test questions and print off an answer sheet to practice with.

Watch a [video](#) about the Opportunity Class Placement Test.

## 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 **8 August 2024** through your [application dashboard](#). You will need to get a medical certificate and/or independent evidence of illness covering the day if the problem is medical, or other relevant evidence if it is not about illness or injury.

Learn more at [Illness or misadventure](#).

Please do **not** bring your child to the test if he or she is ill with respiratory or other contagious disease (e.g. flu or COVID). Invigilators may not admit a student if they consider others in the test centre to be at risk from contagious disease.

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

## 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 see the types of questions that may be asked, and the explanation of answers, using the practice tests at [The test](#). Practise answering the questions using an answer sheet.

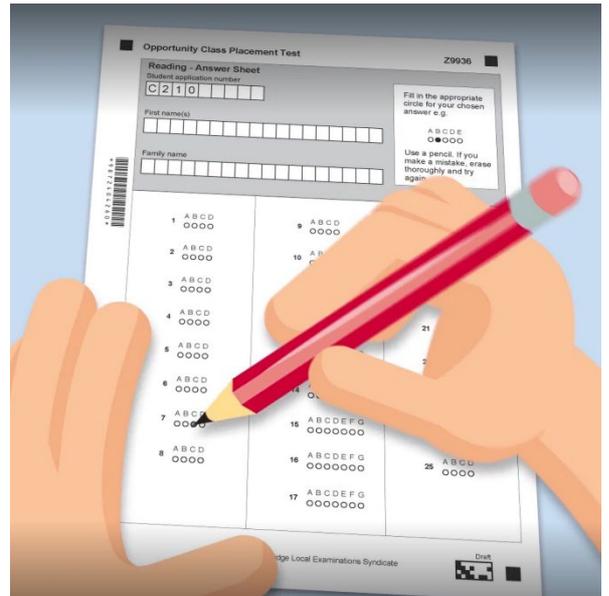
## On test day

- Go to the toilet before you leave home.
- You will be met at the school entrance by an invigilator (a person who runs the test) who will show you where to go to line up to enter the test room.

- Pay attention and always follow all instructions from the invigilators.
- **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. You will sign your name on this sheet.
- There will be a short rest break between all tests.

## During the test

- Listen carefully to instructions.
- Copy your application number and name carefully onto all your test papers.
- 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, go back one by one to correct them but do not rub out more than one answer at a time. You may wish to carry on answering from the point at which you discovered the error and come back later to correct your answers.
- Put your hand up if you have a problem or a question or if you need to go to the toilet.



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. You will be given separate instructions if you are being asked to mark your answers on the question paper.

Marks are **not** taken off for wrong answers. Incorrect, double or blank answers score zero. It is better to make your best 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.

## 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 invigilator tells you to
- do not look at the work of others during the test
- cover your answer sheet as you work to make sure nobody can copy your answers
- do not talk to other students while in the test room
- do not keep writing after you are told to stop.

## Timing

Use your time wisely. Work steadily. If you find a question too difficult, do not spend a very 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 before the test starts if you cannot see it clearly.

## A final tip

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.