

Selective High Schools Entry in Year 7 2017 – minimum scores

Reports and statistics

Selective high schools provide an educationally enriched environment for high achieving, academically gifted students.

General information

Entry into these schools in Year 7 is determined by the students' results in the Selective High School Placement Test¹ in English (including reading and writing), mathematics and general ability, together with their primary school's assessment of their performance in English and mathematics. Other evidence of academic merit may also be considered.

There are 17 fully selective high schools, 26 high schools with selective classes (partially selective), 4 agricultural high schools² and a virtual selective class provision offering selective placement in Year 7 for entry in 2017.

The Department of Education publishes minimum entry scores³ for selective high schools annually at the end of Term 1. This information has been updated for 2017 entry, as at the end of Term 1 2017.

Selective high school vacancies for 2017 entry

Number of vacancies:	4,226
Number of applicants:	13,451

¹ Examples of selective high schools tests can be found on the Department's website.

² Agricultural high schools are selective high schools which emphasise the study of agriculture, with the residential sections giving some priority to isolated students.

³ These scores are expressed as whole numbers. The exact entry score of the last person placed at each school is normally calculated to a number of decimal places. If the minimum entry score is 224.39 there will be students below that score (for example 224.19) who will be unsuccessful.

Minimum entry scores for selective high schools

Minimum entry scores vary from school to school and from year to year.

The minimum entry score for a selective high school is the score of the lowest scoring student to accept a place there. The filling of all selective high school vacancies tends to continue until the end of the first term in the year of enrolment.

The minimum entry score is determined by the geographical location of the schools and the academic merit of the students applying for entry. Where parents decline offers after the school term ends, it may become necessary to go much further down a reserve list than may have happened in previous years.

The minimum entry score is not an indicator of the relative performance of the selective high schools.

Parents should not use minimum entry scores as the only criterion on which to base their choice of selective high schools. They should also consider factors such as the curriculum offered at each school and travelling times and transport.

Since isolation factors as well as school and test scores are considered for entry to Hurlstone Agricultural High School - Boarder, Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School and Yanco Agricultural High School, the minimum entry scores are not published.

Selective High School	Minimum entry at 13/04/2017
Alexandria Park Community School	176
Armidale High School	160
Auburn Girls High School	160
Aurora College (Virtual)	166
Baulkham Hills High School	229
Blacktown Boys High School	176
Blacktown Girls High School	176
Bonnyrigg High School	169
Caringbah High School	197
Chatswood High School	199
Duval High School	161
Elizabeth Macarthur High School	160
Fort Street High School	211
Girraween High School	217
Gorokan High School	161
Gosford High School	184
Grafton High School	161
Granville Boys High School	162
Hornsby Girls High School	213
Hurlstone Agricultural High School (Day)	203
James Ruse Agricultural High School	243
Karabar High School	160
Koorringal High School	160
Macquarie Fields High School	178
Merewether High School	188
Moorebank High School	168
Normanhurst Boys High School	211
North Sydney Boys High School	225
North Sydney Girls High School	216
Northern Beaches Secondary College (Manly Campus)	206
Parramatta High School	194
Peel High School	160

Selective High School	Minimum entry at 13/04/2017
Penrith High School	204
Prairiewood High School	177
Rose Bay Secondary College	178
Ryde Secondary College	190
Sefton High School	193
Smiths Hill High School	189
St George Girls High School	195
Sydney Boys High School	217
Sydney Girls High School	215
Sydney Secondary College (Balmain Campus)	179
Sydney Secondary College (Leichhardt Campus)	183
Sydney Technical High School	191
Tempe High School	188