



Maclean Public School Newsletter

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Our School Captains



News from the Principals desk

Hello families and welcome to Term 1, 2025 and our first newsletter of the year. I am happy to be in the role of Relieving Principal at Maclean Public School this term. I have been recently notified that this role will now extend to the end of Term 3. I am looking forward to continuing working with students, families, staff and the extended Maclean Public School community during this time.

Updates from the classroom

This year we have had a number of changes across the school. Please see below classroom teaching positions. Classroom teachers will be sending home some information in the coming weeks on how best to contact them and specific classroom information

Early Stage 1 Teachers

Kindergarten - Trudi Roberts

Stage 1 Teachers

1M - Holly Maxwell

1/2M - Sandi Moloney

2C - Jo Chorley

Stage 2 Teachers

3/4L - Lee Grayndler & Leonie Evans

3/4S - Cameron Spicer

Stage 3 Teachers

5/6S - Nicole Sanders (Assistant Principal) Miru Ensbey (Wednesday's)

5/6 A - Jade Albert

Learning and Support Teacher

Matt Sozou (Assistant Principal)

Kylie Peterie (EALD)

Tanya Delaney (Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction)

Librarian

Emma Hoffman

Music Teacher

Liz Moore

Support Staff

Business Manager - Vanessa McMahon

School Admin Officer - Roxi Dean

School Admin Officer / SLSO - Zhanae Whalley

General Assistant - Brendan King

School Learning Support Officer:

Rebecca Anderson

Gary Carmichael

Zara Bloom

Ange Churchill

Aunty Leesa Kilduff (AEO)

Additional Supporting Roles

School Counsellor - Tay Cone

WHIN - Sally Loy



News from the Principals desk

School Works

Over the holiday's multiple works were completed to have the school ready for students return. The junior upstairs toilets will have minor upgrades which are to be completed in two weeks. In the meantime 2C students are using either the infants or senior toilet blocks.

Music

Mrs Moore has done a wonderful job providing choir and music opportunities for all students this year. We will have groups performing in a multitude of events and eisteddfod's throughout the year.

Aboriginal Education Group

We welcome families to be a part of a new look Aboriginal Education Group. We will hold our first meeting in Bec and Aunty Leesa's room on Friday 7th March at 8:30am. We hope you can make it.

High Potential Gifted Learning

Ms Delaney will be running HPGE lessons for identified students in Mathematics, Writing and Public Speaking this term. Students and topics will change throughout the year. Ms Delaney will inform those families of what will be covered during her lessons

Literacy Interventions

Students identified for Literacy support in year 1-6 will be notified early next week. Families will receive an information package detailing supports that will occur at school.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in our school carnival last Thursday. I was impressed with the enthusiasm in which all students were involved in both competitive and non-competitive events. Thank you to Mrs Albert and Mrs McMahon for all their hard work that went into organising what was a great day.

Congratulations to our Age Champions:

Jnr Boys: Taio

Jnr Girls: Bonnie & Emily

11 years Boys: Jaxon

11 Years Girls: Stella

SNR Boys: Allan

SNR Girls: Connie

Special congratulations to the following students who have advanced on to the Northern Rivers Carnival being held in Casino this Thursday. We wish them all the very best.

Girls

Connie
Bonnie
Alba
Emily M
Lola
Jemima
Stella
Emily W
Matilda
Indi



Boys

Tanner
Colton
Rio
Taio
Atticus
Archie
Jaxon
Marlo
Allan
Ryder

Term 1 2025

| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1 | | | | | Jan 31 |
| 2 | Feb 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 3 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 4 | 17 | 18 | 19 | Swimming Carnival | Whole School Assembly 2.00pm |
| 5 | 24 | 25 | Maclean Public P&C AGM in the Library 4pm 26 | NR PSSA Swimming Carnival Casino 27 | 28 |
| 6 | School Photo Day Mar 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Whole School Assembly 2.00pm 7 |
| 7 | Naplan 10 | NC Swimming Kempsey Naplan 11 | Naplan 12 | Naplan 13 | Naplan 14 |
| 8 | Naplan 17 | Naplan 18 | Naplan 19 | Naplan 20 | Naplan Whole School Assembly 2.00pm 21 |
| 9 | Naplan 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 10 | 31 | Apr 1 | 2 | 3 | Whole School Assembly 2.00pm 4 |
| 11 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Monty Monster Fun Run 11 |

P&C Notice

Let's make 2025 MPS most successful year!

Join our team to make positive changes within our school! **WEDNESDAY 26TH FEB - 4PM**

Our \$1 membership fee grants you financial member status, which allows you to:

Cast votes on important decisions and take on executive positions within the P&C.

Everyone is welcome! Whether you're a parent or carer, you're invited to attend, listen, express ideas, and share feedback. However, only paid members can actively vote or participate in making official changes.


The Maclean Public School P&C is a small but mighty team working hand-in-hand with the school, students, and community to create positive change. We raise funds for excursions, incursions, resources, and equipment, and we'd love to have you on board for 2025.

Let's work together to make a difference!



Maclean Public School P&C AGM Meeting

Our Annual AGM Meeting will be held on

 When: Wednesday, Feb 26th, 4 PM

 Where: School Library

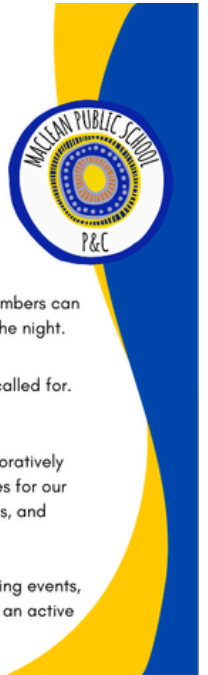
 Financial Membership: \$1

Please note: All parents and carers are welcome, however only financial members can vote or hold an executive position. Membership is \$1 and can be paid on the night.

At the AGM, all positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be called for. Regular meetings will be held throughout the school terms.

The Maclean Public School P&C team is small but mighty! We work collaboratively with the school, students, and community to actively make positive changes for our kids. From fundraising to contributing to excursions, incursions, resources, and equipment, every effort helps make a difference!

We truly appreciate your contributions throughout the year with our fundraising events, but remember—many hands make light work! We'd love to welcome you as an active member of our team as we move forward into 2025.



Wellbeing & Health In Reach Nurse (WHIN)

Our school has the service of Sally Loy as our Wellbeing & Health In Reach Nurse, Sally is a highly skilled clinical nurse specialist employed by NSW Health in partnership with NSW Department of Education. The WHIN role works closely with our schools learning and support team, the role can support our students and their family with health and wellbeing concerns to connect to health and social services. Sally will be at our school on Friday 8:00 – 4:30pm.

Options on how to refer to the WHIN service.

1. Call or email the WHIN to arrange a meeting.
2. Collect a referral and consent form at the front office and return both forms to office staff.
3. Locate WHIN referral forms on the school website under the heading 'Parent Information' fill in referral and consent forms and email to the WHIN directly.

<https://maclean-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/parent-information.html>

WHIN contact details

M 0484 648 062

Esallyjane.loy@health.nsw.gov.au

Find out more: www.health.nsw.gov.au/whinprogram



NSW Health

Close The Gap

Thank you to those who have already returned their Close The Gap Day notes to the front office. Aunty Leesa needs all notes returned by Wednesday 25th of February so she can confirm numbers with the event organiser. If you have not already done so please make sure you send it in with your child. Thank you



Lower Clarence Primary SRE



Lower Clarence Primary SRE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Special Religious Education (SRE) also known as Scripture, is the time set aside in Public Schools where parents/carers can choose to have their children educated in the faith of their family and cultural background.

All SRE teachers have mandatory working with children checks, as well as ongoing training in child protection and classroom management, lesson preparation and the appropriate use of authorised curriculum materials.

The Lower Clarence Primary Scripture team is excited to start classes on 18th Feb! Check out the school website for more details on [times and Department of Education approved curriculum](#).

Very soon, Dan Warlow and Jed are coming down from Brisbane for our annual Scripture Concert. I wonder if Jed has discovered what a hair brush is by now? Dan will visit Maclean Public School on Wednesday 5th March.

In SRE (Scripture) classes, we learn a lot of Dan's songs and other Bible songs. Students are enabled to question, explore and discover more about their faith and what the Bible says about Jesus, about people, and about living with kindness and respect in our world.

Participation in SRE is optional and you can update your child's enrolment at anytime using the Service NSW app or sending in the [participation note](#) on the school website.

"SRE teachers are making such a significant contribution to our communities. In NSW government schools, the teaching of faith and scripture should be available for parents who want it, underpinned by the principle of parental choice."

The Honourable Prue Car, MP,
NSW Deputy Premier & Minister
for Education and Early Learning



LOWER CLARENCE PRIMARY SRE PRESENTS...



Special Religious Education
Enrolment for parents & carers of existing students
It's Your Choice
<https://tinyurl.com/SREoptin>
CHRISTIAN SRE QUESTION. EXPLORE. DISCOVER.

From Miss Ruth & the
Lower Clarence
Scripture team



Free!

MACLEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
SCRIPTURE (SRE) CONCERT
WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 2025

Library Corner

Mrs Hoffman and Pancho welcome the classes of 2025 back to our amazing library this year! Reading for enjoyment is crucial for your child to reach their full potential across all areas. Please assist your child in remembering their library bag on their allocated library day. Remember to enjoy sharing these books at home with a focus on reading for fun!



Kindergarten were excited to visit the library this week and meet Pancho with Mrs Hoffman. This week we read What I love about school.



LIBRARY DAYS

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR LIBRARY BAG ON THE DAY

Monday
3/4S, 5/6S

Tuesday
KR, 5/6A

Wednesday
1M, 3/4L

Thursday
1/2M, 2C



Music Room

One of the most important parts of teaching music is helping students learn how to keep a beat and recognise musical pulse and rhythm. Being able to keep a steady beat and rhythm are the absolute most important skills to develop in young musicians. Here's some pics of 5-6S keeping the beat with their feet as they run the gauntlet of rainbow elastics....along to music of course!



Canteen Counter News

Our first canteen for the year has been and gone with out a hitch. Canteen operates every Friday throughout the term and the canteen special will go out every Monday to allow time for students to return it. There has been a price rise with the lunch special meal deal which is now available at \$7.00. If your child would like a lunch order but the meal deal isn't to their taste, they can order from the canteen's full menu. Please see the order form below on how to do this. Please be aware that items ordered from the menu are not covered by the \$7.00 special price. Payment can be made by adding credit to the school bytes account or paying at the front office. Canteen orders need to be in by THURSDAY LUNCHTIME for catering purposes. We will continue to have a variety of counter lines for students to purchase at recess ranging from 50c to \$4. Items like jelly, scrolls, bliss bombs, mini sausage rolls, fruit cups, biscuits, muffins and many more tasty treats that vary from week to week. Students can purchase ice blocks or a frozen pineapple rings at lunch time from the canteen which range from \$1 -\$2

Thankyou.
Miss Bec

LET'S DO LUNCH



Meal Deal

LUNCH ORDER FORM FRIDAY 14th Feb
RETURN TO OFFICE BY THURSDAY 13th Feb

SALAD BOWL

(please circle) Ham or Chicken

*Choice of drink

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Milk - Chocolate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Popper | |
| Milk - Caramel | <input type="checkbox"/> | Water | |
| Milk - Strawberry | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

(please circle) \$7.00 enclosed paid online

Name : Miss Bec Class: staff
sausage roll tomato sauce \$6

Maclean Public School

LUNCH MENU

HOT FOOD

Chicken Burger

Chicken patty, lettuce, cheese and mayo

7.00

Pizza

cheese, ham, pineapple

5.00

Chicken & Gravy roll

Shredded Chicken meat and gravy

6.00

Vege Pasta Bake

Pumpkin, broccoli, mushrooms, cheese, pasta

5.00

Sausage Roll

4.00

Meat Pie

4.50

Chicken Nuggets

3 nuggets per serve

2.00

FROM THE FREEZER

Quelch

2.00

Snapstix

2.00

Frozen Pineapple

1.00

Ice Mony TNT

2.00

SALADS & SANDWICHES/WRAPPS

ALL SANDWICHES MADE WITH WHOLEMEAL OR MULTIGRAIN BREAD

50 c extra for toasted

Ham

2.50

Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo

5.00

Ham & Cheese

3.50

Egg & Lettuce

4.50

Ham & Salad

6.00

Ham, lettuce, cheese, tomato, carrot, beetroot salt & pepper

Chicken & Salad

6.00

Shredded Chicken, mayo, beetroot, lettuce cheese, carrot, tomato, salt & pepper

SALAD BOWL

7.00

Lettuce, tomato, cheese, cucumber, egg carrot

Add \$1 for ham or chicken

DRINKS

Popper

2.00

Water

1.00

Flavoured milk

2.00

Recess
counter lines available with
variations weekly
prices range from
50c - \$4.00



CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM

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ENROLMENT FORM 2025

Please make sure you read and complete both pages of this form before signing.

Enrolments will not be accepted without a signature.

The CVCon 2025 Student Handbook should be read along with this form.

Student Name: _____ M F Date of Birth: __/__/__
School: _____ School Year (in 2025) _____ Class _____

Parent/Caregiver's Name Mr / Mrs / Ms: _____ Relationship: _____ (to student)
Street Address: _____ P/code: _____
Postal Address: _____ P/code: _____ (If different)
Home phone: _____ Mob. phone: _____ Work Ph.: _____
Email: [grid of boxes]
Other Contact: _____ Ph: _____ Relationship: _____ (Emergency Contact) (to student)

Please Turn Over - complete page 2

Please indicate the type of lesson the student will be having:

FEES 2025 (All rates based on a 10 week term)

*Annual Registration Fee (Per family -due in Term 1 or at enrolment) \$ 25.00

Schools Program

[] In School Tuition - Band instruments, Guitar \$ 175.00 (each student)
(Groups of 2-5 each week in school time and at school)

Other programs at the Conservatorium

[] Single Studies Tuition (30min lesson per week) \$ 350.00

[] Single Studies Tuition (20min lesson per week) \$ 250.00

Early Childhood Music (for children 2 - 8 years old)

[] Kidzjam Groups of pre-school children (2 - 5 years old) \$ 100.00
accompanied by adult

[] Pre-Instrumental Classes (General, Keyboard, Guitar, Drums, Recorder) \$ 90.00
Groups of 3-6 students (5 - 8 years old) for 30min lesson each week

[] All Music and Vocal Ensembles (@ Conservatorium) \$ 90.00

Student Lesson Details
Instrument/Group/Ensemble _____ Teacher _____
Location of Lesson _____ Day/Time of Lesson _____

Office use only: Added to MM _____ Added to MCh _____ SA sent _____

STUDENT DETAILS *continued*

Do you identify as being Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander?

Yes No

Are you from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background?

Yes No

1. STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION

1. Serious allergies the staff should be aware of, eg. Penicillin, food, bee stings etc. _____
2. Medical information that could benefit the staff, eg. Asthma, epilepsy etc. _____
3. Do you have a diagnosed disability? Yes No
If yes, please provide more information _____
4. In the event of an accident or sudden illness, I hereby give permission for the Tutor/Clarence Valley Conservatorium to seek medical assistance as required. Yes No

2. AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH

The Clarence Valley Conservatorium would like to be able to use photographs or video images of students for use in their promotion and publicity. The use of the student's images may include, but is not limited to, electronic and print promotional material, the Clarence Valley Conservatorium website and in local media promotion activities such as the local newspapers.

If you sign this release form, it means that you agree to the following:

1. The Clarence Valley Conservatorium is able to use your image(s) as many times and in as many ways as it requires.
2. Your image(s) may be reproduced in colour or black and white and may be altered, distorted or blurred for design purposes.
3. You will not be consulted about the specific context in which your image(s) appear.
4. You may be interviewed for promotional purposes.
5. Your agreement to permit the use of your image(s) is greatly appreciated. Any enquiries may be directed to the Director of the Clarence Valley Conservatorium on 6643 3555.

3. CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT

Fees for all lessons are charged on a 'per term' basis, unless the student starts late in the term. Invoices are issued prior to the commencement of term (where possible) and are payable by the due date on the invoice. Fees may be paid via cash, cheque, credit card (by phone and in person), or by direct deposit to our bank account. Please **DO NOT** give money to the tutor or leave it at the school office. **Lessons may be cancelled by the Conservatorium if fees are in arrears with an administrative charge of \$10 (minimum) being applied to outstanding accounts.**

NO REFUNDS will be given for **missed lessons**. Lessons missed by the tutor will be made up or credited to your account.

The Conservatorium's tutors reserve the right to **discontinue lessons** where a student's behaviour or attitude is deemed inappropriate. In this situation, the tutor will contact the student's parent or guardian.

Terms are generally the same as those of the public schools. Lessons are not held on public or school holidays.

All students are encouraged to **perform** at in-house concerts, or at public functions. Many tutors encourage their students to undertake exams and enter eisteddfods but this is always in consultation between the tutors, parents and student.

Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's progress with his/her tutor, but this should be during their child's lesson. Lessons begin and end promptly at the designated time, so your punctuality would be appreciated.

Parents are reminded that students are expected to **purchase their own music books** as needed as our staff will not contravene the Copyright Act NSW with regard to photocopying. Our staff have been trained in **child protection** issues and will always endeavour to provide a safe and happy environment for your child. For more details of Terms and Conditions see student diaries.

- I have read, understand and agree to abide by the
1. *Health Information* Yes No
 2. *Authority to Publish* Yes No
 3. *Conditions of Enrolment* Yes No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please tell us where you heard about Clarence Valley Conservatorium?

Social Media Email Internet Cinema Advertising Friend At School

meet the TEACHER



A LITTLE ABOUT ME

My name is Trudi Roberts and I'm excited to be teaching kindergarten in 2025. I love that I am teaching in the school that I attended as a child. I love netball and rugby league. My favourite teams are Swifts and Eels. I have a chocolate lab Tully whom I adore.

A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

- ♥ Coffee
- ♥ Tomatoes
- ♥ Beach
- ♥ Sleep
- ♥ Gym
- ♥ My dog Tully

CONTACT

trudi.roberts2@det.nsw.edu.au

Stage Spotlight - Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been busy settling into school life at Maclean Public School. Over the past few weeks, we've been honing our fine motor skills by learning how to write our names and hold our pencils correctly. We've also been practicing using scissors with our thumbs up and our wing dings at our sides, as well as mastering the art of gluing by placing just a dot in the corners and a small cross in the center. We've made lots of new friends and have been enjoying all the yummy food our families pack for us.











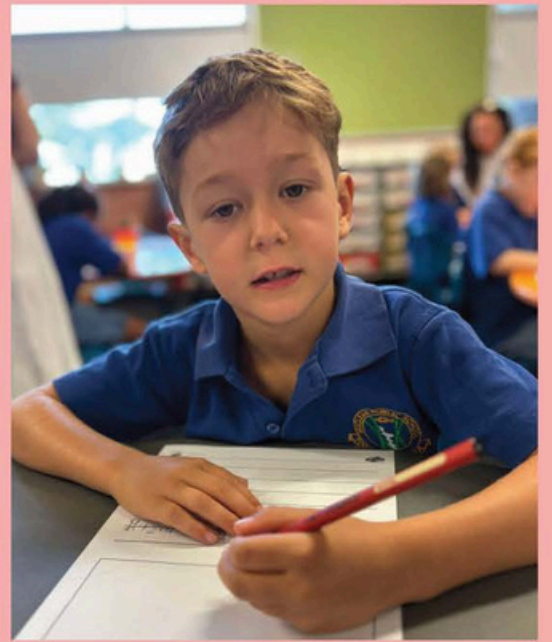
Welcome to 2025













NSW Department of Education

Aurora College – applications now open

Online selective high school and opportunity classes for students in rural and remote locations

Aurora College

The department's [Aurora College](#) provides online selective high school and opportunity classes for rural and remote students.

Students attend their local 'host' NSW public high school or primary school and join Aurora College's online classes for maths and science. In high school, this also includes their English classes.

Learn more and apply at:

[Selective high schools](#)

[Opportunity classes](#)

Apply now if your child is in:

- **Year 4** for entry into online **opportunity classes in 2026**

Or

- **Year 6** for entry into online **selective high school classes in 2026**.

Visit: education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc

Hurry, applications close on **21 February 2025**.



NSW Department of Education

Applying for my child to attend an opportunity class or selective high school

Why selective education?

Grouping high potential and gifted students together and using special teaching methods supports their:

- academic development
- emotional wellbeing
- friendships and social life.

Students tell us that they enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

Is it right for my child?

Here are some signs that your child may benefit from selective education.

- learns quickly and easily
- goal-driven
- asks complex questions
- good memory
- curious and creative
- deeply explores passions

Keep in mind, some children's high potential may be hidden. Being in an opportunity class or selective high school could help.



education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc

How can I support my child through the application process?

- Talk to your child about the **benefits and challenges** of selective education and address their questions and concerns.
- Ask your **child's teacher** (or other staff who know them well) whether they think selective education will suit your child.
- Apply for any required **reasonable adjustments** for disability or medical conditions.
- Encourage your child to use the department's **free resources** to prepare for the test.
- Remind your child they only need to do a **small amount of preparation** for the placement test, and **don't** need coaching.
- Support your child to continue **co-curricular activities**, see friends, eat healthily and sleep well in the lead-up to the test.

The **Equity Placement Model** reserves up to **20% of places** in opportunity classes and selective high schools for high potential and gifted:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability

Learn more: edu.nsw.link/equity

Resources in other languages: edu.nsw.link/shsoc_languages



Financial support

edu.nsw.link/pubedu

The **Public Education Foundation scholarships** offer financial support to help young people at NSW public schools to access opportunities and reach their potential.

Please note there are no fees to apply and sit for the placement test, and there are no extra fees to enrol in a selective high school or opportunity class.

Get ready to apply

Learn more at our [website](#):



education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc

Submit your application in 5 easy steps

- #### 1 Register to start your application

Parents and/or carers enter their own details to register (not their child's).
- #### 2 Verify your email address

Go to your verification email. No email? Check your junk folder.
- #### 3 Log in to start

Go to the application website and log in. Forgotten your password? Select **forgot password** to reset it.
- #### 4 Complete the 8 sections

Answer all the application questions. You can save your application and come back to update it and complete the questions.
You can log in to your application dashboard and make changes after you have submitted the application.
- #### 5 Select 'submit' to finish your application

Check you have received the confirmation email and application dashboard message. You can return to the application dashboard to update details and documents, as well as send and receive messages.

Features of the application dashboard

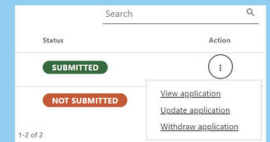
See the **status** of your application when you log in to the application dashboard. Use your unique application number when messaging with us.

| Application number | Placement | Student | Alerts | Status |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| S2400001 | Selective high school | Bianca Lala | | SUBMITTED |

Your application can be easily **viewed**, **updated** or **withdrawn** at different stages of the process.

Use this feature to update your application details such as change of address.

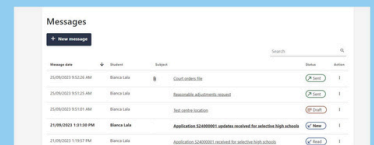
You can also use it to upload documents such as medical information and court orders.



For the quickest response to any questions, message the Selective Education Unit through the application dashboard.

Simply click **+New message** to get started.

Select the 3 dots in the **Action** column to respond to new messages.



More help

For step-by-step instructions on submitting your application, refer to the:

[Selective high school application user guide.](#)

Phone: 1300 880 367

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

(If you are unable to message us through the application dashboard)



A guide to selective high schools and opportunity classes

Selective high schools and opportunity classes are specialist school settings that group together **high potential and gifted students**.

Learning with classmates who have similar abilities helps students' academic development and wellbeing.

Students still follow the NSW curriculum, but teachers may use special teaching strategies for high potential and gifted learners.

Selective high schools

There are 4 types of selective high schools:

- **fully selective high schools** – these are schools where all students have been selected based on the placement test
- **partially selective high schools** – these are schools that have a mix of selected students and local area students
- **agricultural selective high schools** – these are schools that emphasise the study of agriculture and all students are selected on their academic ability. Some of these schools also provide boarding where students live at the school
- **Aurora College** – these are online selective classes. They are provided at local public high schools in rural and remote areas.

Opportunity classes

Opportunity classes are for high potential and gifted students in Years 5 and 6. They are offered in a number of public primary schools across NSW.

Aurora College provides online opportunity classes for rural and remote students in their local primary schools.

Where are they located?

Selective high schools and opportunity classes are available across metropolitan, regional and rural NSW. Check the maps below for a school near you.

- [Find an opportunity class](#)
- [Find a selective high school](#)

How do I know if it is the right fit for my child?

Does your child:

- enjoy learning
- have intense curiosity
- display a good memory
- ask complex questions
- require fewer repetitions when learning new things
- display creative ways of thinking
- become intensely focused in their area of interest or passion?

If some of these sound like your child, an opportunity class or selective high school might be a good fit.

How do I apply?

Parents apply during the application period online at: shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au

2026 entry into an opportunity class or selective high school

The application period for 2026 entry is from **7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025**.

What year is my child in when I apply?

Opportunity classes

Parents apply when their child is near the end of Year 3 in 2024 or at the beginning of Year 4 in 2025.

Selective high schools

Parents apply when their child is near the end of Year 5 in 2024 or at the beginning of Year 6 in 2025.

Learn more on our website about the [application process](#) and residency requirements at [who can apply for opportunity classes](#) and [who can apply for selective high schools](#).

The placement test

After you apply, your child must sit a test. Students are then selected for placement based on their test performance.

When is the test?

The test will be available across a 3-day period from **Friday 2 May to Sunday 4 May 2025**.

Students attend one test day only and do **not** need to bring their own computer to sit the placement tests.

What's in the test?

The test assesses how well students understand what they read, reason using mathematics and their thinking skills. Applicants for selective high schools are also tested on their writing skills.

Learn more at: [Placement test](#).

When will I find out about my child's results?

After your child sits the test, you will get an email in Term 3 with their test performance and next steps. If your child is offered a place, you will get information on how to enrol.

The Equity Placement Model

The [Equity Placement Model](#) helps all students to have fair access to selective high schools and opportunity classes.

Under the Model, up to 20% of student places at each selective high school and opportunity class are held for high potential and gifted students:

- from low socio-educational advantage areas
- of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background
- from rural and remote locations
- with disability.

The held places are offered to students based on their performance in the placement test.

Learn more at [Fair Access](#).

Supporting gifted students in all NSW public schools

Selective high schools and opportunity classes are just one of the ways that the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students.

High potential and gifted students are supported in all NSW public schools to reach their full potential. Learn more about the department's [High Potential and Gifted Education Policy](#).

Need more information?

Check the following webpages for more detailed information.

Webpages for parents and carers

- **Selective high schools and opportunity classes:** education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc
- **Selective high schools:** education.nsw.gov.au/shs-yr7
- **Opportunity classes:** education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Webpages for students

- **Selective high schools and opportunity classes information for students:** edu.nsw.link/shs-oc-students
- **Applying for an opportunity class:** Student resource hub: edu.nsw.link/OCchub
- **Applying for a selective high school:** Student resource hub: edu.nsw.link/SHShub

Social media

Join our official department Facebook groups:

- **Selective high school placement:** edu.nsw.link/shs-fb
- **Opportunity classes:** edu.nsw.link/oc-fb

Contact us

Contact the Selective Education Unit at:

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone: 1300 880 367

Telephone interpreter service: 131 450

If you need an interpreter to assist with your enquiry please call the telephone interpreter service and tell the operator:

- the language you need
- the phone number you want to call.

The operator will call the Selective Education Unit phone number (1300 880 367) and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Community Announcements

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KINDER - GRADE 2 BASKETBALL TRAINING & GAMES

EVERY FRIDAY
AFTERNOON

RAYMOND LAURIE SPORTS CENTRE

3.45PM - 4.30PM

REGISTER NOW!
ON BASKETBALL CONNECT



- JUNIOR - BASKETBALL - COMPETITION -

MONDAY | RAYMOND LAURIE
AFTERNOON | SPORTS CENTRE

COMP STARTS **MONDAY 3RD MARCH**

COME & TRY 10 FEBRUARY

TEAM REGISTRATION DUE 17 FEBRUARY

REGISTER NOW!

Girls & Boys ON BASKETBALL CONNECT

Grade 3&4: 4pm

Grade 5&6: 4.50pm

Grade 7&8: 5.40pm



[HTTPS://REGISTRATION.BASKETBALLCONNECT.COM/LOGIN](https://registration.basketballconnect.com/login)

Tennis Lessons

Yamba and Maclean lessons.



Kids lessons

Maclean: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Yamba: Thursdays.

Kids Squad (Maclean): Tuesdays 5:30-7:00.

Kanga Kidz Multisport program

Maclean: Tuesdays 9:30-10:30, Wednesdays: 9:30-10:30.

Aimed at kids ages 2-5 to learn basic skills, develop coordination and have some fun!

Competition Nights

Adults: Tuesday nights in Maclean from 6pm.

Kids: Friday afternoons in Maclean straight after school.

Adults lessons

Mondays in Maclean at 5:30, Thursdays in Yamba at 5:30.

Private Lessons

All ages and skill levels, racquets provided, up to 4 people.

All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Active kids vouchers accepted.

Racquets and balls provided.

Contact: Sammy Hayman 0421476207

Email: haymantennis@gmail.com

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ALL REGISTERED PLAYERS



SIGN UP
NOW!!

JUNIOR Sign-on day for 2025

Junior sign on day coming soon. Watch this space!

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CLARENCE CANEGROWERS ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 100 YEARS WITH A MODERN DAY CANE HARVEST FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 2025

ENTERTAINMENT WITH
TROY CASSAR-DALEY
ADAM HOURIGAN | SONNY JAMES | PISTOL WHIP

FLOAT PARADE
RIVER STREET 12-2PM

LIVE MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS | MARKETS
CAMERON PARK 1-9PM

NETTY IS BACK!



NEW SEASON
STARTS SOON