

# Your guide to Selective Classes at Koorungal High School

Providing an enriched environment for academically gifted students



In 2010, Koorungal High School enters a new and exciting phase of education excellence as our first selective classes begin. This information sheet is designed to provide parents with a better understanding of Selective Classes and what this means for your child's education.

## What is a Selective Class?

Selective Classes cater for **high achieving, academically gifted students**. These classes provide intellectual stimulation by grouping gifted and talented students together, concentrating school resources and using specialised teaching methods.

## What does it mean for my child?

Your child will have the opportunity of learning in an environment with other gifted and talented students from across the Riverina, providing them with an academically challenging group of peers. Selective Classes also provide our school with the opportunity to focus our teaching resources on student enrichment and accelerated learning to ensure that students are provided with a wide variety of learning opportunities and experiences.

## How many places are available?

Koorungal High School has 30 places available for the Selective Class. However, our school also has an additional class for those students who are academically gifted but who may not want to be in the Selective Class or who have not met the test criteria for the Selective Class.

## What is the criteria for the Selective Class?

There are a range of considerations for acceptance into a Selective Class, including your child's academic record in his/her current school and your child's performance in the *Selective High School Placement Test* which occurs in March every year (for placement in the following year). Other considerations include student disability, cultural background, student age, Australian citizenship and residential status.

## Does it matter what school my child is currently attending?

No. All students in the Riverina are welcome to apply for the Selective Class. As this is a regional resource, school zoning does not affect this process.

## What if my child is currently attending a non-government school?

The selection procedures are exactly the same for all students. Principals of non-government schools will be required to complete appropriate areas of the application package as per the criteria listed on the package.

## How do I apply?

A formal application package must be submitted in order for your child to be considered for our Selective Class. Please contact Koorungal High School if you would like a package to be sent to you or you may collect a copy from our school.

*Please note that the application process is a two-year cycle. For example, if your child is starting Year 7 in 2012, the application is due towards the end of 2010 and the examination will be held in early 2011.*

## Where is the Selective High School Placement Test held?

The test is held on the grounds of Koorungal High School. Conditions for the test will be as for other formal school examinations such as the *National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)*.

## Who do I contact for more information?

To find out more or to receive a copy of the application package, please contact us:  
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