

18th October, 2017 Term 4 Week 2 Everyone who remembers his own education remembers teachers, not methods and techniques. The teacher is the heart of the educational system.

The Crest

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Berowra

Public School



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Welcome back to Term 4.

I hope that you had a restful and happy break and you are ready to move into what is usually the busiest term of the year. Our Year 6 students are now into their final term of primary school which is very exciting and as a school we begin to plan ahead for the end of year festivities and for the beginning of 2018.

Our Kindergarten 'Berowra Beginners' program for 2018 Kindergarten students began this week. If you have missed out on this special event please contact the office immediately in order for us to include all students in this exciting program. The program is designed to assist the children to feel more relaxed and comfortable about starting at school next year by introducing them to the teachers and to their new friends in an enjoyable and informal manner.

World Teachers' Day

"The dream begins, most of the time, with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you on to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth." (Dan Rather)

I can still remember most of my teachers and the wonderful role models they were for me. I am very proud to be a part of the teaching fraternity at Berowra Public School.

Every day our teachers make a difference as they inspire and engage our students to learn and succeed. Our teachers go 'above and beyond' for our students.

Many of our teachers have spent nights away from their families recently at overnight excursions. 'It's all part of their job' — I recently heard this comment and I was speechless. Teachers take students on overnight excursions because they are prepared to give that 'bit extra' for our students. Overnight camps are an added extra not a mandatory part of education. Many schools are unable to offer these overnight excursions as they do not have the staff willing to give of their time — freely!

I was most impressed by some of the messages that the children wrote about their teachers....

- You give me strength
- I am so happy that you are my teacher
- You have made me a better person
- You are the best teacher ever
- I love that you help me
- Thank you for understanding me

Many thanks to our School Support Group who recognised and thanked our wonderful teachers this year with a special World Teachers' Day assembly and a scrumptious morning tea. The teachers were thrilled and loved every minute of their special day.

Thank you to all the parents involved in this great tribute to our fantastic teachers.

80's Disco

Many thanks to Belinda Barton, Sharn Barton, Doxia Brownlow, Steph Beard, Simone Davies and Christine Jennings for organising a very successful 80's Disco at the Berowra RSL last Saturday.



Classes for 2018

During Term 4 many parents begin to think about classes for the following year. The staff and I are concentrating on providing the best education for children in 2018, consequently plans for next year regarding teachers on certain grades are not in place. Please do not assume that teachers will remain on the same grade next year.

Requests for a particular teacher cannot be accommodated. I also ask parents not to attempt to pick and choose who they would like their child to be or not be with next year. Genuine and special reasons should be directed by phone, letter or interview to the principal. Class teachers or executive will not take requests for class placement next year. Naturally, parents will discuss their child's needs with the class teacher but promises of classes and teachers will not be made by the 2017 class teacher. In short, see me if you have any concerns, but please trust the teachers and me to place your child in a class where they will have friends and learn in an engaging friendly atmosphere.

We are carefully monitoring our anticipated enrolments for 2018. Thanks to those who have already returned an enrolment application. Please contact the school for an enrolment package if you have a sibling yet to enrol or **you are aware you will not be returning to BPS in 2018** and have not yet notified us.

A few thoughts

NSW Public Schools are provided with teachers and staff on an age-based differential formula. Once the principal enters anticipated numbers of students, DoE Staffing will allocate a set number of teachers, SLSOs, School Administrative Staff, Counsellor times etc.

It is then the principal's job, with many hours input by the teachers, to devise the best mix of classes to suit the available resources.

Please keep in mind that as professional educators, we place students in classes after carefully analysing a variety of academic and social criteria. This may mean that students are not with the same classmates as in the previous year, although we do try to ensure that they have a familiar face in their class. Classrooms are first and foremost about learning and getting along with the teacher and peers in their class and of course students can always meet up with all their friends in the playground (remembering that their longest break from all their friends is TWO hours). Being able to form a wide range of happy, productive and polite relationships, with a number of people of all ages, assists students as they become older to get along with the many different individuals and personalities they will come across in their life.

Rarely do we get this placement wrong.

Parents deserve and will be provided with reasons for class placement of their child if requested, but there has been disappointing trend of late with parents demanding that their child is moved from their class placements. Rarely is it possible to move just one child from a class to another, or to 'swap mine with this kid'. The complexity of classroom personalities and the interconnectedness of classroom interactions rarely allows for such an easy 'swap'.

Whilst we will always listen to (and take into consideration) the concerns of parents, it is in the end, the decision of the principal and the school as to where the best learning setting for each individual student is. At the end of this year, class placements will be done by our teachers. Please do not send in requests for special placements as the teachers will ensure your child/ren will be placed in the perfect class for them.

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2018

If your child or you know of a child ready to start school next year make sure they are enrolled so we can include them in our plans for next year.

Beginners Group started week 2 and Kindergarten Orientation Day is on Thursday 23th November from 10am.

For more information contact the school office on 9456 1319.

Road Safety

Please ensure that our children are safe at all times:

- Walk your children across the road at the crossing
- Do not attempt U-turns across Hillcrest Rd
- Wait for the 'Crossing Lady' before crossing
- Do not get out of your car at "Kiss and Drop"

Selective high schools application

On Tuesday, 10th October, 2017 the online applications opened for entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2019.

Application is required by mid November 2017 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2019.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 10 October to 13 November 2017.

Application information is available on the Department's internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2019 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 15 March 2018.

Resilience and our children

"Life is not about what happens to us but what we do about it"

As much as we would like to defend our kids from the difficulties in life, from experiencing crisis, change or loss, we cannot! However, we can give our kids the tools to recover from difficult times when those hit.

For kids, changing seats in the classroom, a friend saying, "I'm not your friend anymore", or not being invited to play during a break can be "the end of the world". Still, the way kids (and adults) deal with these difficulties is what sets kids apart.

Resilience is part of our emotional intelligence. When faced with a problem, resilient people focus on finding a solution rather than getting depressed and feeling like victims. Resilience is another name to emotional strength.

Resilience is not ignoring unacceptable behaviour and walking away. Please ensure that if your child is a victim of 'unacceptable behaviour' that yes, they ignore and walk away BUT they must inform a teacher, in order for us to intervene and monitor unacceptable behaviour at school.

As parents (and teachers), our role is to help our kids respond positively and with strength.

Our lives are not determined by what happens to us but by how we react to what happens, not by what life brings us, but by the attitude to what we bring to life.

A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes.

Di Bower

Principal

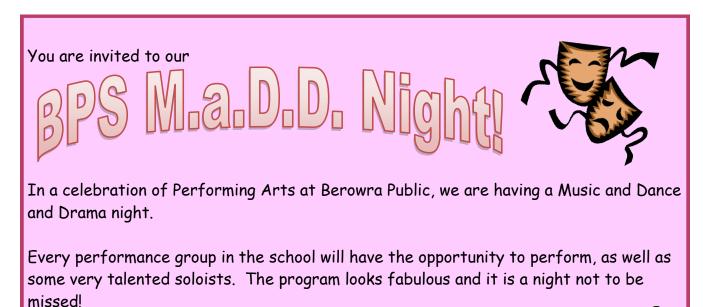
THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has paid for their children's classroom resources (student pack) as well as the voluntary school contribution.

Every student received a student pack which could consist of things such as :- Mathletic, Spellodrome and Reading Egg licences, exercise books, scrap books, school magazine or show me student whiteboards and markers. Every school year is different.

These resources are used in the classroom every day by your children and we appreciate your help.

If you are unsure if you have paid for the student pack or school contribution, or any of the extra curricular or excursions please contact the school office.





See you there!





Dance News

Our dance groups have had another successful year with performances at Sydney North Dance Festival and Hornsby Music Festival. The girls were honoured to be selected to perform at the State Dance Festival and 16 of these girls were also chosen to represent BPS at the Schools Spectacular. Don't forget to buy your tickets. There are four shows over two days on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th November. Get online now and purchase your tickets to this amazing show! Search Ticketek or use this link https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=SCHLSPEC17

<u>Auditions will begin soon for places in the 2018 Dance Groups.</u> Auditions will take place over three weeks. All students interested in auditioning must come along to the hall on Tuesday 7th November after lunch eating time to learn a short routine. Boys currently in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will then audition on Tuesday 14th November. Girls currently in Years 3, 4 and 5 are invited to try out on Tuesday 21st November. I look forward to seeing everyone.

End of term dance performance - This term I have the pleasure of teaching 1D, 2C, 4C and 4P for dance. They will be learning a number of dances as well a creating some of their own movement. They will perform for everyone on Thursday 30th November at 2:45pm.









Dear K-2 parents

It is almost time for our wonderful musical extravaganza -

"The Magical Christmas Box"

All K-2 students will be performing on **Tuesday 5th December** at 10am and again at 12noon.

Please come along to see this wonderful event.

Admission is FREE! However, \$7.00 is asked from each child to cover production costs such as costumes, lights and sound. Payment to class teacher.

Class Awards Week 9 term 3 & Week 10 term 4

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KB	Riley U, Roya M, Erin P, Hayden W	
KR	Lachlan W, Sophie D	
KY	Nikolai McG, Dillon K, Isaac A, Luca R	
1D	Matthew T, Pethybridge A	
18	James Y, Harper G, William H	
1T	Darcy F, Billy Y, Emma W, Kai G, Ryan H	
2C	Rhyan K, Charlotte G	
3A	Lily P, Archie R, Tatiana R, Raiph C, Cameron P, Tara T, Molly N, Edward G, Taye C, Marcus Z	
3R	Lucy H, Harrison B, Farrah P, Max M, Alan A, Preston B, Chloe L	
4C	Annabelle H, Liam J-B, Alexander McG, Finn B	
4P	Jed W, Aidan C, Dylan D	
5/6B	Leela S, Evie P, Haylee S, Parisa G, Jensen G, Allisha M	
5/6K	Lucy T, Madeleine B, Fiona T, Anthony L, Shauna R, Ollie G	
5/6S	Mac T, Elise O-C, Samuel S, Cooper G, Jessica Y, Jake DS, Brooke F, Hayley C, Zoe A, Corey S, Mackenzie F, Ben P, Josephine O, Samantha S	



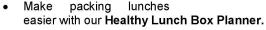
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...to download our free resources.

We have a bunch of great resources on our website for you to print out – free – to help make your whole family healthier.

- Reward your kids using our My Fruit and Vegetable Chart.
- Plan ahead, save time and money with your Family Menu Planner.



- Learn how to manage fussy eaters with our Strategies for Fussy Eaters Guide.
- Get new ideas for healthy snacks with our Fruit and Vegetables Snacks Guide.
- Find out when to buy your fruit and vegies in our Seasonality Guide.

Visit https://tinyurl.com/ycp5a89a to download.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Does your child require medication during the school day?

If your child needs to take any prescribed medication during school time, the office can administer it for you.

The medication <u>must</u> be handed into the office in the morning together with a completed 'Medication Request Form'. This form can be located on our website under 'Our School' tab then 'Missed a Note?' or completed at the office.

Only prescribed medication in original packaging can be accepted or over the counter medication with a doctor's note.

Please do not give medication to children to self administer during the day for their safety and the safety of other children.

The only exception is Ventolin for asthma.

Upcoming Events		
OCTOBER		
Wed 18	P&C meeting in the staffroom at 7.30pm	
Thurs 19	String & recorder tryouts from 1.30pm	
Sat 21	Family Portrait	
Mon 23	MaDD Night -Music Dance and Drama from 7pm. Performing Arts night	
Tues 24	Student Parliament Mufti Day	
Wed 25	Band tryouts at lunchtime	
Thurs 26	BOOSH Pink Morning Tea—proceeds to Cancer Council	
Fri 27	BPS Funky Friday Disco	
Tues 31	Grandparents Day 12:45-2:00pm—visit and have picnic lunch with children	
NOVEMBER		
Mon 6	League Tag Gala Day	
Tues 7	Canteen special meal day Dance audition at lunchtime to learn routine	
Tues 14	Fair Mufti Day Boys dance audition at lunchtime for years 2,3,4 & 5	
Wed 15	P & C meeting in the staffroom at 7.30pm	
Thurs 16	Asquith HS Experience Day for year 5 students	
Thurs 23	Kindy 2018 Orientation Day 10.00-11.15 in the hall	
Fri 24	School Spectacular performances - matinee and evening	
Sat 25	School Spectacular performances - matinee and evening	
Tues 28	Canteen ice cream day	
Wed 29	Christmas scripture service at BPS hall	
Thur 30	End of term dance performance at 2.45 - 1D, 2C, 4C & 4P	
DECEMBER		
Tues 5	K-2 Nativity Concert 10am and 12noon	
Wed 6	Presentation Day—3-6 at 10am, K-2 at 12noon	
Fri 8	Band Christmas evening	
Mon 11	Year 6 Farewell at Asquith Golf Club	
Wed 13	Surf Awareness Program at Collaroy Beach for Year 5 and 6	
Fri 15	Last day of term for students	

Don't forget The Crest is also available on the school website: www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au Click on the 'Newsletter' tab.

Parent Online Payments can also be made from the BPS website using the 'Make a payment' tab.

Looking for lost notes? Click 'Our School' tab then 'Missed a Note?'

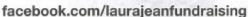
Upcoming events are under the 'Calendar'.

Dear Families,

We are holding a portrait fundraising day and would be delighted to receive a donation from you in return for a 10"x13" family portrait and keyring (of your family - valued at \$90!) by Laura Jean.

How long has it been since you had your family together for a group photo? Update your family pics with their relaxed and fun photographers.

laurajean.com.au



Every family can receive this personalised photographic service, close to home. Flexible options include posing choices and obligation free additional portraits to suit your needs.

We will receive 100% of funds raised from your donation, plus bonuses (including a portrait pack plus digital images, which you may win!) when 25 families participate. So please help us by inviting an extra family to our fundraiser.



BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

RAISING FUNDS FOR:

BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

CONTACT:

TAMMY - 0402 464 743 - tam_m_allen@hotmail.com

www.trybooking.com/316383

DONATION:

\$21 & RECEIVE A 10X13" PORTRAIT + KEYRING

PHOTO DATE:

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER





HUGE 10"x13" FAMILY PORTRAIT PLUS KEYRING

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WIN a 3-Pose Portrait Pack

When 25 families are photographed, one lucky family receives a complimentary portrait package + images.

How can you help us get there?

- Return your voucher ASAP
- Invite a friend with additional voucher below
- Encourage more families to book

HOW TO BOOK

If you see a link provided to the left, click on this to make payment and choose your booking time.

Complete voucher and return to office with your donation and an appointment time shall be confirmed soon.

Invite a friend to help our fundraiser.

PLEASE CUT OUT AND RETURN TO OFFICE

Voucher for 1x 10"x13" Family Portrait + Keyring at special **Fundraising Price**

Oldest child's full name:

Laura Jean

Mobile or home no:

Email:

Preferred time:

*Very special limited offer - please see back for details

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RIBBON Pink Ribbon Morning Tea



You are invited to attend a Morning Tea to help raise awareness and funds towards the fight against Breast Cancer.

100% proceeds will be donated to Cancer Council for research and to support those fighting against this disease.

Morning Tea will be provided Lucky Door Prizes Raffle.

Bring a friend, a smile and some cash for a donation and raffles.

DATE:- Thursday 26th Oct 2017

TIME :- 9.30 - 11.00 AM

WHERE: BOOSH Cottage (Berowra Public School)

All are welcome













BORROWED CLOTHING

From time to time students need to have a change of clothes during the day. The office holds a small amount of clothing which we lend to the students.

If your child has come home with different clothes and a note from us, please wash the items and return them to the school office, or classroom, as soon as possible so they will be available for use again.

To assist with this process it would be helpful if Kindy parents packed spare underwear in their child's school bag.

Thank you

MAKING SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Please note that money collection days at Berowra Public School are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays only.**

For security of payments it would be appreciated if money <u>only</u> be sent to school on these days in a <u>signed payment</u> envelope, not plastic bags. This includes any payments for the choir, drama, sport or extra curricular activities.

We have only two days a week allocated to receipt money so please remind your child to give it to their teacher in the morning as receipting and banking are completed during the day. Correct money is appreciated as the office is unable to hold change.

Please do not hand payments into the office after school.

Handing money into the office after banking has been completed may result in confusion for the teacher and your child's name not marked off as having paid for an excursion, sport or any activities.

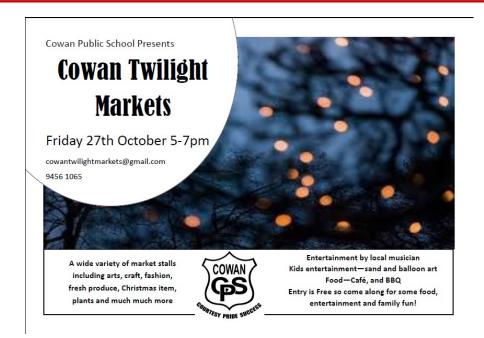
Any payments for the P&C or Support Group fundraisers and the canteen special lunch days can also be handed to the class teacher, but <u>please include these in separate envelopes and with separate payment</u>. Do not include with school payments.

You can make multiple payments for multiple students with the one cheque or credit card if you like. Just make sure all details are included and permission is forwarded.

Don't forget that you can also pay online. However, signed permission envelopes are still required to go to the teacher for excursion. Just mark on it that you paid online.

Please also be aware that when using the Westpac Parent Online Payment system, all payments processed after 6pm will not be seen at the school until the second business day eg payments made after 6pm on Monday evening will be on the Westpac report on Wednesday morning, payments made after 6pm Friday will be seen on Tuesday morning.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Assemblies



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INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Friday 20th October

Games start by 9.30am

Friday 27th October

PSSA Cricket and Softball/T-ball

v Warrawee

at

Cricket James P

Warrina St Oval Warrina St Oval

 James Park Mark Taylor Oval

PSSA League Tag
always at
Foxglove Oval



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MUSICIANS TO PLAY IN COMMUNITY BAND

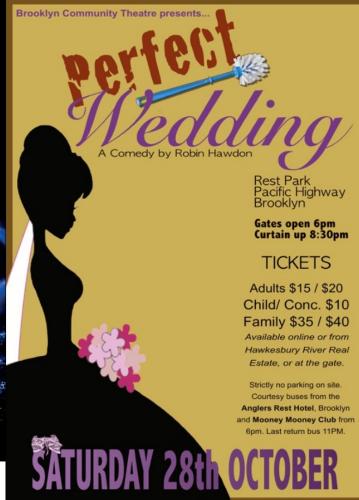
Are you in Year 6 and thinking about continuing playing in a Band next year? Currently in a band but wanting to add to your musical experience?

Berowra RSL Sub-Branch Youth Club Band [Conductor: Grant Hughson] is looking for experienced musicians to join its wind band. The Band is for musicians aged from senior primary school age up to 24 years with at least 3 years experience who are looking to have fun and perform at local community events such as the RSL Sub-Branch commemorative services, school fetes, community markets and fairs.

Rehearsals are held on Tuesday afternoons from 5.30-6.30pm (term time only) at the Berowra Community Health Centre, 123 Berowra Waters Road, Berowra Heights.

For information go to our facebook page, email us on rlsyouthclubband@gmail.com or phone Christian Langeveldt mob: 0415465894







& February 3rd to March 2nd 2018

Visit www.berowracricket.org to register

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Ride Bands/Tickets, Hot Dogs

Bush Fair Food - Old Fashioned

Good wholesome yummy food

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cups – cut up some strawberry, apple and rockmelon and put in a cup for a sweet, tasty treat.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Make fruit salad



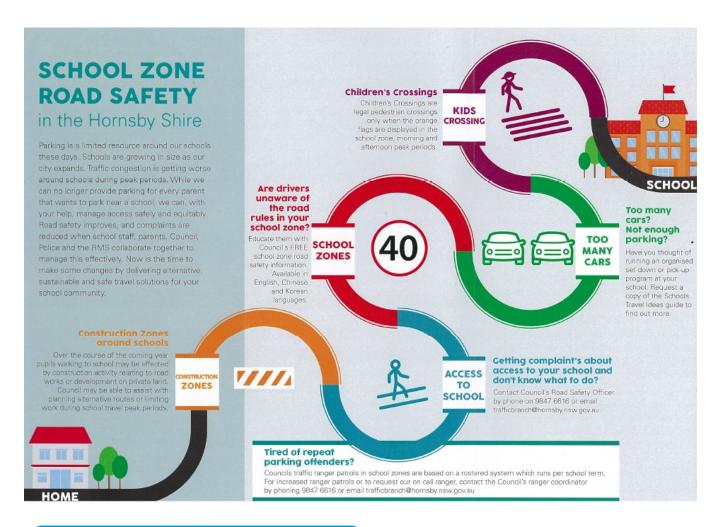
Ganteen Volunteers urgently needed

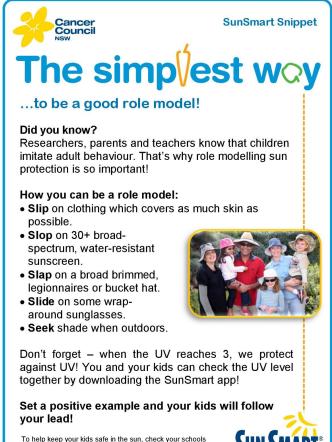
Any amount of time on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Lunch provided.

Call Teresa on 0402 855 941, see her in the canteen any Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 9.00am - 2.30pm or leave your details at the office.

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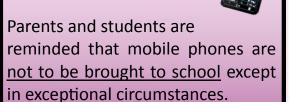
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MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL



Then the mobile phone <u>must be</u> <u>left at the school office</u> before school and collected at the end of the school day.



Hillcrest Road, Berowra 2081 Phone 9456 1319 16th October, 2017

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 15th March, 2018.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2019, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 10 October 2017 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. The application website opens on 10 October 2017 and closes on 13 November 2017. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 10 October 2017.

You must submit only ONE application for each student. Remember the tear-off strip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Di Bower

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by Friday, 20th October, 2017.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL. This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WERSITE.

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective	e high school in 2019
Student's Name	Class
I am interested in applying for selective high school entry in 2019	Yes No
If Yes EITHER:	
I have internet access and will be applying online	
OR	
I do not have internet access	
Signature of parent/carer	Date