



Selective High Schools Entry in Year 7 2013 – minimum scores

Reports and statistics

Selective high schools provide an educationally enriched environment for highly 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, 25 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 2013.

The Department of Education and Communities publishes minimum entry scores³ for selective high schools annually at the end of Term 1. This information has been updated for 2013 entry, as at the end of Term 1 2013.

Selective high school vacancies for 2013 entry

Number of vacancies:	4164
Number of applicants:	13 572

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 test 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 criteria 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 residential agricultural high school entry, the minimum entry scores are not published for the residential components of the three agricultural high schools. Note – Yanco Agricultural High School is all residential and is therefore not listed.

Selective High School	Minimum entry at 16/04/2013
Alexandria Park Community School	181
Armidale High School	162
Auburn Girls High School	160
Baulkham Hills High School	231
Blacktown Boys High School	177
Blacktown Girls High School	172
Bonnyrigg High School	171
Caringbah High School	195
Chatswood High School	198
Duval High School	162
Elizabeth Macarthur High School	161
Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (Day)	140
Fort Street High School	214
Girraween High School	212
Gorokan High School	165
Gosford High School	181
Grafton High School	162
Hornsby Girls High School	215
Hurlstone Agricultural High School (Day)	203
James Ruse Agricultural High School	245
Karabar High School	161
Koorringal High School	160
Macquarie Fields High School	174
Merewether High School	183
Moorebank High School	173
Normanhurst Boys High School	213
North Sydney Boys High School	213
North Sydney Girls High School	215
Northern Beaches Secondary College (Manly Campus)	207
Parramatta High School	191
Peel High School	161
Penrith High School	197

Selective High School	Minimum entry at 16/04/2013
Prairiewood High School	174
Rose Bay Secondary College	169
Ryde Secondary College	194
Sefton High School	195
Smiths Hill High School	182
St George Girls High School	204
Sydney Boys High School	216
Sydney Girls High School	213
Sydney Secondary College (Balmain Campus)	179
Sydney Secondary College (Leichhardt Campus)	181
Sydney Technical High School	196
Tempe High School	191
Virtual selective class - Xsel	166