



NORTH SYDNEY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT POLICY

RATIONALE

North Sydney Girls High School is an academically selective secondary school. Entry is highly sought after and highly competitive. The total enrolment is about 925. There is a maximum enrolment of 150 for Years 7 to 10.

Students must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia. Citizens of New Zealand who are permanently settled in Australia are eligible for entry. Information on Australian citizenship is available from the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs website at www.citizenship.gov.au Official evidence of Australian citizenship may be obtained by the issue of a *Certificate of Evidence of Australian Citizenship*.

Parents/guardians must be living in NSW at the beginning of the school year. Verification of this, in most cases, is a current telephone, electricity or gas bill, **OR** a home contents insurance policy in the parent's name

POLICY STATEMENT

As a selective school, North Sydney Girls High School seeks to provide a challenging learning environment for academically gifted students, however, the school encompasses more than academic achievement.

The school ethos encourages students to participate in a broad range of curriculum and co-curriculum activities to enable gifted young women to achieve their potential as active and informed members of society.

After an initial entrance test, the School Placement Panel, formed on Department of Education guidelines, shortlist applicants based on a cut off score from the test. Reserve list rankings will be determined after consideration of all evidence provided which includes a range of attributes of giftedness, not just academic results. Ability, both demonstrated and potential, together with motivation, are the criteria sought by the Panel. Students may be interviewed as a final step in the enrolment process before a final offer of placement.

PROCEDURE

YEAR 7

All offers are made by the High Performing Students Unit of the Department of Education on the basis of state-wide tests conducted in March of the preceding year. Vacancies are filled by the HPSU up to July of that year. After that time, it is at the discretion of the school whether to leave the vacancy unfilled until the following academic year.

ENTRY INTO YEARS 8-12

Application forms, available in June/July each year from the Department of Education website and selective schools must be returned to the school by the due date.

In addition, the following should be submitted with the application form:

- *copies of current academic reports (half yearly of current year, and yearly and half yearly of the previous year).*
- *copies of any other documentation relevant to the application (eg competition results, prizes, evidence of success in other activities)*

Students already studying a language at the Saturday School may continue that subject as an additional subject on condition:

- All Year 11 students study a minimum 12 units at the school. The study of a language at Saturday School would mean that the student would be taking 12 units at school, plus an additional 2 units at Saturday School, giving a total of 14 units.
- All Year 12 students study a minimum 10 units at the school. They may choose to continue a language at Saturday School as an additional subject giving them a total of 12 units.

ACCELERATION

Accelerated school groups in this subject should maintain the mandatory minimum 12 units in Year 11 and 10 units in Year 12. Entry into accelerated streams for new Year 10 or 11 enrolments is not possible.

STUDENTS REQUESTING LEAVE/EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The school is obliged to maintain full enrolment because of the high demand for places and the existence of reserve lists in all years. Therefore it is not possible for a student to take leave to go on exchange except for very short periods, usually at the very end of Term 4 or beginning of Term 1, utilising the summer vacation period.

Even study leave of this limited duration **MUST** be approved in advance by the Principal.

Exchange for a year or six months will not be considered. A student would have to relinquish her place at the school in these circumstances.

The school is not allowed to accommodate fee-paying overseas exchange students, temporary visa holders or students from exchange organisations.

