

Selective Strand Year 7 Classes from 2010

A MESSAGE TO CURRENT YEAR 5 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Applications for the selective High Schools Test need to be returned by November 14, 2008



Our school has been approved to become partially selective from 2010.



Website: <http://prairiewoodhigh.com.au/>

We offer places for all students. Selective class positions are offered to students identified through the selective high schools test and local or community students will always be offered places at their local school.

We will structure our classes so that selective students work together within distinct core subject area classes and are partnered with community students for elective classes and sport.

We are one of four schools in SWSR who have been nominated to receive selective students from the 2010 school year: Bonnyrigg High School, Elizabeth Macarthur High School, Moorebank High School & Prairiewood High School.

What do partially selective schools offer?

Selective classes at Prairiewood High School cater for academically gifted and talented students by providing intellectual stimulation through a local educationally enriched environment. This eliminates the need for students to travel excessive distances to participate in selective classes.

Benefits:

- In your local area and close to home
- Safe and familiar surroundings
- Quality education catering for academically gifted and talented students
- An opportunity to work with other gifted and talented students
- Very affordable and realistic school fees
- Easy travel access by bus, T-way and train
- More time to see your friends and for important afternoon activities



The selective classes at **Prairiewood High School** provide equity of opportunity for gifted and talented students in the **South Western Sydney Region** to be provided with teaching and learning experiences that meet their specific learning needs.

Selective classes at our school will gather gifted and talented students into cooperative learning support groups and teachers at our school will employ specialised teaching methods such as the use of more open-ended tasks, project-based learning, engagement with ICT and greater depth of curriculum treatment.

Selective classes can have a very positive impact on the whole of the **Prairiewood High School** community. Opportunities for all of our students are great as they will work in partnership with other students. All of our students will benefit from the techniques and resources employed in gifted and talented education.

What type of student is a selective student?

Students who are gifted and talented, academically focused and committed to study are encouraged to apply.



How do I apply?

- ✓ Parents of students considering selective high school entry in Year 7, 2010 must apply by completing an application form.
- ✓ To be considered for our school, you must include our school as a preference on your application form
- ✓ Applications are due by November 14, 2008

For information about applying for a selective position at our school:

Contact: John Pickering (Principal)
Phone: 02 97255444
email: info@prairiewoodhigh.com.au

To Obtain an Application Package:

- Contact your local public school
- or
- Prairiewood High School

Email: info@prairiewoodhigh.com.au
Phone: (02) 9725 5444

To find out more about the Selective High Schools Test:

The Selective School and Opportunity Class Placement Unit

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/selectiveschools.php>

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone: (02) 9797 6262

Other Information:

- ✓ Students applying for selective high school entry will take the Selective High Schools Placement Test in March 2009. Students will be considered on the basis of their test results and school assessment scores by selection committees.
- ✓ You will be advised of the outcome of your application in July 2009.

For information about the nominated selective high schools in the South Western Sydney Region, contact the individual school or follow the link to their website:

Elizabeth Macarthur HS http://www.elizabeth-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/	Bonnyrigg HS http://www.bonnyrigg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/
Moorebank HS http://www.moorebank-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/	Prairiewood HS http://www.prairiewoodhigh.com.au/



Prairiewood High School

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"Challenging Students for the Future"

Local and Selective Enrolments from 2010

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Gifted and Talented Programs - Prairiewood High School

A diverse range of enrichment opportunities and experiences for our students:

- ✓ Debating and Public Speaking competitions at district, regional and state level
- ✓ National Schools' Competitions – English, Maths, Science, Geography, Chemistry
- ✓ Languages' (ACER) Competitions and competitions conducted by UNSW in Business Studies and Economics
- ✓ Outdoor Education: Duke of Edinburgh Award Program, hikes and annual Tassie Trek
- ✓ Student Leadership Development Program involving Captains/Prefects, SRC and Sports Council
- ✓ Performance opportunities and experiences in music, dance, drama – talent quests and concerts
- ✓ Participation in regional and statewide music, dance and drama programs
- ✓ Ag. Show Team – participation in Sydney Royal and other regional agricultural shows and competitions, as well as the annual UWS School' Unisteer Challenge
- ✓ Astronomy Nights – school and community program
- ✓ Specialised G&T programs in Visual Arts, Ceramics, Photography and Science
- ✓ Major Sporting Programs in Rugby, Volleyball and Indoor Soccer – at regional, state and national level
- ✓ Term Four Fitness Development Program

HSC/Preliminary Courses currently studied at Prairiewood H.S.

A diverse range of curriculum opportunities for our students:

- ✓ Extension I and Extension II Courses in both English and Mathematics
- ✓ Extension I Courses in Languages and in History
- ✓ Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Senior Science
- ✓ Business Studies, Economics, Society and Culture and Geography
- ✓ Ancient History, Modern History and Legal Studies
- ✓ PDHPE, Music, Drama, Video and Digital Imaging, Visual Arts, Photography and Food Technology
- ✓ Information Processes and technology, Design and Technology, Industrial Technology Wood
- ✓ School VET Courses: Hospitality Operations, Information Technology, Entertainment, Primary Industries and Retail Operations