Year 7 High Potential and Gifted Education Program
Extension Class
Nomination Information - 2026

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

We would like to invite you to submit additional information about your child for us to use in selecting students for our High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) extension class for Year 7 2026.

The HPGE extension class is designed to stimulate the interests and abilities of our capable students, supporting them to engage in learning to maximise their potential. We aim to create a challenging differentiated learning environment that encourages students to strive towards the development of their abilities, promoting creativity and higher order thinking skills.

Goals of the Program:

- to provide a challenging curriculum and enriching educational environment that extends and supports capable students, intellectually and socially, to develop to their full potential
- to differentiate the curriculum at a pace and depth appropriate to the capabilities of high potential learners
- to provide a learning environment that encourages divergent, critical and creative thinking
- to develop student self-understanding and metacognition

Identification:

The identification of students for our HPGE extension class is based upon a range of measures. This process includes procedures for identifying student who demonstrate, or have the potential to demonstrate, exceptional performance in one or more talent areas. In identifying students for our Year 7 program, we will use parent and student nominations, primary school reports, NAPLAN data and testing conducted by us during the orientation period.

Applicants for the extension class will undertake a test developed and marked by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER).

The test is 50 minutes duration and aims to:

- Identify individual strengths and weaknesses
- Identify a student's ability to think critically and apply higher order thinking skills

Registrations close 3:00pm Friday 4th April 2025.

Test will be held at Port Hacking High School commencing 1:30pm Monday 5 May 2025.

To nominate your child:

Registrations for the test are due by 3:00pm, Friday 4 April 2025 (see our website for registration details). Additional information and test details will be sent to registered students in the last week of Term 1.

YOU MUST complete the attached nomination forms. We also ask that you attach copies of the following documents as additional information to assist the panel in our selections:

- ☐ Your child's Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN test results (if possible).
- ☐ Your child's TWO most recent school reports
- ☐ Certificates of achievement or participation in extension courses/programs or external competitions
- ☐ Achievement in extra-curricular activities

Please submit applications to the supervising teacher on test day, clearly labelled with your child's name and 'HPGE Extension Class'. Late registrations and application documentation will not be accepted.

Initial places in the program will be offered, based on this nomination process, by June 27.

We look forward to welcoming your child to Port Hacking High School. Please direct any enquiries to Trevor Price, Deputy Principal – 9524 8816 or porthackin-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Best regards

Mr Rick Turansky   Mr Trevor Price
Principal   Deputy Principal

PORT HACKING HIGH SCHOOL

To Strive is to Achieve

Year 7 High Potential and Gifted Program
Parent and Student Nomination Form

Family Contact Details:

Parent/caregiver details:

Family Name: _____ **Given Name:** _____

Relationship to student: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Student Details:

Family Name: _____ **Given Name:** _____

School: _____

Date of birth: _____

Parent/caregiver nomination information:

Characteristic (tick the box that applies) My child:	Most of the time	Some of the time	Rarely
Recalls facts easily			
Expresses himself/herself fluently in speech and writing			
Always asks questions			
Strong sense of humour			
Finds unusual uses for things / can be crafty			
Tends to lead / initiate activities			
Curiosity			
Long attention span			
Easily bored			
Avid reader			
Thinks logically			
Communicates well with other children and adults			
Creative thinking			
Independent learner			
Concerned about world issues			

Additional Details:

1. **What type of reading material does your child prefer?**

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2. **Does your child have any unusual interests? If so, what are they?**

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3. **Describe your child's strengths.**

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4. **What activities does your child participate in outside of school hours?**

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5. **How would you describe your child's current academic progress? Refer to any particular achievements.**

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6. **Is your child or has your child been involved in an extension, enrichment or other gifted and talented program at school or outside school? If so, please provide details.**

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Please add any additional comments that may be relevant.

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Parent Signature   Date

Student Self-Nomination: (to be completed by the student)

Name: _____

1. **In which areas do you have ability, strength or special talent? (Tick all that apply)**

   ☐ General intellectual ability   ☐ Music
   ☐ Maths   ☐ Drama
   ☐ Science   ☐ Dance
   ☐ Social Studies (HSIE)   ☐ Leadership
   ☐ Languages   ☐ Art
   ☐ Reading   ☐ Sport
   ☐ Writing

2. **Why are you good at the areas you ticked? Describe any work you have done, books you have read or other activities that may explain why you are good at those areas.**

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3. **If you were given the chance to meet anyone, past or present, who would you most like to meet and why?**

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4. **What is your favourite book genre and why?**

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5. **What are three of your favourite books and what do you like about them?**

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6. **How many hours per week do you read voluntarily?** _____

7. What are you reading now? _____

8. What is your favourite subject? _____

9. What interests you about that subject?

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10. When you're not at school, what do you spend your time doing?

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11. Do you know a lot about any particular things? If so, what are they?

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12. Please tell us anything else about you that you think we should know to support your application.

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Student Signature   Date