



Merrylands East Public School

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Year 5 Opportunity Class 2025

Dear Year 4 Parents and Caregivers,

I write to encourage Year 4 parents to apply for an Opportunity Class for 2025. Placement for an Opportunity Class requires your child to sit the *OC test on 1st August 2024*. Those students who are selected after sitting the test will be offered a place. *Applications open on Thursday 4th April 2024* and must be completed online at: **shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au**

A link will be available on our school homepage website to assist parents.

For 2025, the NSW Department of Education has set aside 10% of places specifically for students from low socio-educational advantaged backgrounds, 5% for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students and 2.5% for students with a disability.

If your child obtains a place, the option of taking up the place or staying at Merrylands East Public School is available to you. In other words, you can choose to accept or decline the offer. The choice is yours.

High potential and gifted students often have some, or all, of the following characteristics, they:

- enjoy learning
- have intense curiosity
- display a good memory
- ask complex questions
- enjoy learning new and often complex ideas or skills
- require fewer repetitions when learning new things
- are creative
- become intensely focused in their area of interest or passion

Opportunity classes cater for high potential and intellectually gifted students. They help students learn by

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs

The nearest OC Classes are located in:

- Blaxcell Street, Granville
- Greystanes Public School
- Harrington Street Public School, Cabramatta
- Smithfield Public School

Applications close on the 20 May 2024. You cannot make an application after this date.

John Goh
Principal
2nd April 2024