



Enrolment Policy

Context

North Sydney Boys High School is an academically selective secondary school.

Entry is highly sought after and therefore highly competitive. The total enrolment is about 920. There is a maximum enrolment of 150 in each of years 7 to 10.

In Year 7, places are offered on the basis of the statewide tests conducted by the Department of Education's High Performing Students Unit in March of the preceding year. Entry to all other years is based on a Reserve List compiled by the School's Selection Committee in August of the preceding year.

Students must be Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Australia, New Zealand citizens or Permanent Residents of Norfolk Island. Evidence of citizenship status is required before enrolment can proceed.

Parents/Guardians must be living in NSW. They are required to show original proof of residence prior to enrolment in the form of a rates notice or gas/electricity account.

Policy Statement

North Sydney Boys is an academically selective high school but the education we offer extends beyond the academic. In "*Preparing young men to be our future*" we focus on providing opportunities for each student to develop skills that will support them whilst at North Sydney Boys and stay with them beyond their school days. Leadership, communication, management and team work are all developed by our students during their school lives, helping build their self-esteem and confidence.

Students selected for enrolment at North Sydney Boys are expected to pursue academic excellence, be involved in a range of co-curricular activities and contribute to their communities.

Procedure

Year 7 Enrolment

Each year 150 students are selected for entry to North Sydney Boys High School. The application process for Year 7 is administered by the High Performing Students Unit at the Department of Education. Information regarding [Selective High School Year 7 Placement](#) is available on the DoE website.

Entry is determined by a statewide exam that is conducted in March of the preceding year. Students are offered places by the High Performing Students Unit through until July in Year 7. After that time it is at the discretion of the school whether to leave the vacancy unfilled until the following academic year.

Vacancies in Years 8-12

Applications open in mid-June of the year before the intended enrolment year and close at the end of July. The application pack is available to download from the school website or may be collected from the School's Administration Office.



In submitting an application, applicants should include:

- Completed application form
- Copies of academic reports from the previous two semesters
- Copies of NAPLAN results
- Evidence of co-curricular involvement and achievement (eg competition results, prizes, community involvement)
- Summary of achievements (form included in application package)
- Administration fee (non-refundable)

All applicants must sit for a written exam in English and Mathematics. The exam is set by the school and will take place at the school during the week after the close of applications. Alternative testing arrangements cannot be made.

The School's Selection Committee, comprising the school principal (or nominated representative) as chairperson, a parent representative and the relevant year adviser will meet and consider all relevant criteria including:

- Test results
- Documented school performance (two most recent school semester reports)
- Documented evidence which reflects achievement and involvement in enrichment programs
- Results of NAPLAN and other statewide tests or competitions
- Any other relevant material

A numbered reserve list is compiled for each year group and, where vacancies exist, offers are made in order of preference. If no vacancy occurs, no offer will be made.

In Year 11 only, additional places are offered. The school aims to enrol quality students rather than focusing on a predetermined number of senior student enrolments.

The reserve lists remain in place until July of the following year, after which time, new lists are compiled following the procedures set out above.

Only under extraordinary circumstances are places offered in Year 12.

Accepting the Offer of Enrolment

Unlike other government secondary schools, students must request enrolment at a selective school. In requesting a place, students and their parents should be aware of certain expectations of the North Sydney Boys school community.

Uniform

The wearing of full school uniform has been endorsed by the school community. All students are required to wear regulation school uniform.

Subject Selection

All students are offered a place at NSBHS on the understanding they will be full time students. The only exceptions to this are students who, through illness or other exceptional personal circumstances, are granted exemption. This usually only occurs in Year 12 when a student decides to accumulate his HSC over more than one year, or very occasionally in earlier years when illness makes it necessary for a student to study one or more subjects through distance education.

The definition of a full time senior student is one who maintains 12 units in Year 11 and 10 units in Year 12 in school based courses. However, students may study an additional subject outside the school eg Saturday School or with a private tutor, but the school needs to approve these arrangements.



In both the junior and senior schools a wide choice of subjects is offered. Students are expected to choose from these subjects. The school will make every effort to offer classes according to the wishes of the students, from among these subjects.

Since our resources are finite however, depending on the number of students choosing a particular subject in a particular year we may or may not be able to form all classes requested.

Enrolment of Senior Students

In Year 11 students are expected to satisfactorily complete at least 12 Units of Preliminary courses at school for entry into Year 12 Higher School Certificate courses. Students may choose to study an additional unit at school. Students must study at least four subjects. In Year 11 all students must study 2 units of English and 2 units of Mathematics. Students may wish to complete additional studies outside the school with the principal's approval. Students whose subject has been discontinued by the school from Year 10 into Year 11 will be given consideration for external study (e.g. at Open High School, DoE) to make up for the mandatory 12 units of study at 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.

In Year 12, students are expected to satisfactorily complete at least 10 units of study at the school. Students must study at least four subjects. Students must complete at least 2 units of English. Students may wish to complete additional studies outside the school with approval by the principal.

All Year 11 students are to study a minimum 12 units at the school. All Year 12 students are expected to 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 and accumulated HSC courses

The school encourages acceleration for those students who demonstrate giftedness in particular areas of their academic studies.

Students who have accumulated Preliminary or HSC units before commencing Year 11 and Year 12 are nonetheless expected to complete 12 units in Year 11 and 10 units in Year 12.

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 School Principal.

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

For the reasons set out above, reciprocal exchanges will only be allowed for a limited number of weeks for Languages students wishing to improve their foreign language skills.