

Placement outcome information

Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2020

All applicants receive individual emails or letters showing the outcome of their applications. The placement outcome is shown as one (or a combination) of the following terms.

What the terms mean

See examples at the end of this document

Offer	The student is being offered a place at that school choice. If the offer is to a school of higher choice the student is not considered for any schools lower on their choice list.
Offer with higher choice reserve/s	<p>The student is being offered a place at a selective high school and is on the reserve list for one or two of his or her higher choices.</p> <p>The student will receive an offer later if his or her position on a reserve list is reached.</p> <p>Students may receive a second or third offer depending on the number of reserve lists they are on. Such offers will be made regardless of whether applicants have accepted or declined previous offers.</p>
Reserve list only – with a list position	<p>The student will receive an offer only if his or her position on the reserve list is reached.</p> <p>You should make arrangements to enrol your child in another high school in case he or she is not offered a selective high school place.</p> <p>If your child is on a reserve list but you are sure you do not want your child to be considered for placement at a selective high school, please ask the High Performing Students Team to remove your child from the list.</p>
Unsuccessful	<p>The student was not successful for placement at that school choice and is not on the reserve list.</p> <p>In very rare cases, at the end of the placement process if a reserve list is not long enough, selection committees may offer places to students previously considered unsuccessful. In these cases places are offered only to those who have not accepted a place at another selective high school.</p>
Not applicable	The application for this school is not considered because the student was offered a place at a school of higher choice.

Accepting or declining an offer

A response form is enclosed with all offers. You must indicate whether you wish to accept or decline the offer.

If your child is also on a reserve list, you must also indicate whether you want your child to remain on the reserve list or be removed. **Applicants on reserve lists only will not receive a response form.**

You must sign the response form and return it to the Team by email, fax or post in time to arrive by the date shown on the response form. If you email a scanned copy of the response form, please use a pdf format and enter the application number and family name in the subject line, for example: 'S19 123 456 Smith response form'. Please do not send the response form in two different ways such as email and fax.

The Team will confirm receipt of your response form. If you have not received this confirmation within 21 days of returning your completed response form you should contact the Team. Please do not contact the Team to confirm receipt before this time.

If you have an offer for a boarder place at an agricultural high school, you must return the offer response form to the Team by the date shown on the form. You must also return to the agricultural high school the residential agreement and student medical history forms that will be sent to you or your offer may be withdrawn.

Publication of reserve lists

If your child is on a reserve list, his or her position number will show on your placement outcome email or letter. The reserve list varies in length for each school. Offers are usually made to students on reserve lists from the end of July.

From the first week of August, as offers are made to students on the reserve list for each selective high school, we will publish the number reached on the reserve lists at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/outcome/year-7-reserves>.

Remaining on the reserve list

After 3pm on 18 December 2019 offers will be made only to students on a reserve list (or lists) who have not accepted an offer to another selective high school. The reserve list remains active until at least the end of Term 1 2020.

If you have accepted an offer but you want your child to remain on a reserve list for a school of higher choice after the end of the school year, you must decline your current offer by 3:00pm on 18 December 2019. If you decline your offer there is no guarantee that your child's position on the reserve list at the school of higher choice will be reached. If you don't decline your offer, your child's name will be withdrawn from all active reserve lists on 18 December 2019.

Vacancies that occur after Term 1 may not be filled from the reserve list at the principal's discretion. Any vacancies then become part of the Years 8 to 12 selective placement process.

Successful appeals, permanent residency grants or approved changes of choice may result in students being added to the reserve list.

Scores information

Most applicants receive score details with the placement outcome information. Where score details are not supplied, an explanation has been given. No further score details are available.

Appeals

An appeals process is available to applicants. You can download the appeal form and check that you have valid grounds for appeal at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/outcome/appeals>.

If you wish to submit an appeal, complete the appeal form and return it to the current primary school principal by 23 July 2019. The principal will complete the principal's section and forward it to the Team by 29 July 2019.

Appeals based on residency should be sent directly to the Team by 23 July 2019.

Enrolment and school details

Successful applicants are sent an 'Authority to attend' letter by email in January of the year of enrolment. This letter confirms the student's entitlement to enrol in the selective high school. Students must show this letter to the school at enrolment.

You must check enrolment details on the website of the selective high school for which you have accepted an offer. School websites are listed at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/what-are-selective-high-schools/list-of-selective-high-schools>.

Schools may also contact you directly to invite you to their orientation day where you will receive information about the school and enrolment procedures. Some schools include students on their reserve lists in those invitations while others may not.

Documentary evidence

At the time of enrolment students who have accepted an offer are required to present proof of Australian citizenship or permanent residency in the form of a birth certificate, passport, visa grant and/or other relevant evidence. Evidence that the family resides in NSW is also required.

Schools may also ask you if they need to see originals of photocopied documents you have supplied as evidence of academic merit.

Offers or enrolments may be cancelled if placement is made on the basis of false or misleading information.

Enrolment policy

The NSW Department of Education has a responsibility to assess and manage any risk of harm to its staff or students. This includes assessing and managing risks posed to students or staff by any student.

Examples of placement outcome advice

Offer only

You are being offered a place at this school. You will have to complete and return an offer response form.

Your child is not considered for these schools as she qualified for her highest choice

School	Outcome	Reserve Number
Northern Beaches Secondary College Manly Campus	Offer	
Hornsby Girls High School	Not applicable	
North Sydney Girls High School	Not applicable	

Offer with higher choice reserve

Your child is on the reserve list for this school at place 54. You may be offered a place later if we reach this position.

You are also being offered a place at this school. You will have to complete and return an offer response form.

School	Outcome	Reserve Number
Hurlstone Agricultural High School (Day)	Reserve	54
Macquarie Fields High School	Offer	

Reserve only

School	Outcome	Reserve Number
Girraween High School	Unsuccessful	
Penrith High School	Unsuccessful	
Parramatta High School	Reserve	41

Your child did not qualify for the first two choices.

Your child is on the reserve list for this school at place 41. You may be offered a place later if we reach this position.

Unsuccessful

Where students are unsuccessful for all choices, the choices are not listed and the following text is sent:

I regret to advise that your application for Year 7 placement of the above student in a selective high school in 2020 has been unsuccessful.

Contact

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