



GREYSTANES HIGH SCHOOL

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Year 7 and 8 High Achievers Program

Greystanes High School prides itself on enriching the learning of all students. We inspire and challenge students to reach their full potential, achieve success and prepare for the future through innovative and dynamic teaching in a safe and supportive environment. Year 6 Students who have successfully enrolled at Greystanes High School for year 7 have the opportunity to be a part of the High Achievers program in Stage 4. Students are selected on their academic success, 21st Century learning skills and general reasoning abilities. The High Achievers class provides an opportunity for gifted and talented students to be extended and involved in extracurricular activities.

Program focuses include:

- The High Achievers program offers students challenging and diverse learning opportunities with high expectations across year 7 and 8. Teachers deliver a differentiated curriculum whilst meeting the needs of the syllabus in all subject areas. This addresses the different strengths and rates of learning of students in a self-contained gifted classroom. The aim of differentiated instruction is to maximise each student's growth, allow for choice and ensure students are encouraged to progress and thrive.
- Students participate in engaging programs across all subjects with effective use of innovative strategies and technology integrated by teachers. It is compulsory for students in the High Achievers class to bring their own device to school every day as technology is a key element to support their learning.
- In Year 7, the students organise a 7S Parent and Carer Innovation Showcase with the support of their teachers. This provides students and teachers with the opportunity to celebrate successes and showcase the use of digital technologies and innovative pedagogy to parents and carers. The presentations are designed and led by the students and engage families in interactive activities across a range of subjects.
- There is a strong focus on cross curriculum delivery of content which enriches and supports all learning areas and adds depth to student learning. Students are provided with the opportunity to participate in a cross curricular Project Based Learning (PBL) program. This allows students to gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging, and



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complex question, problem, or challenge. Students explore current issues across a range of subject areas and work collaboratively to showcase their findings. Teachers collectively devise a PBL program to extend student learning needs and encourage students to actively engage in real-world and personally meaningful projects. Students participate in an integrated curriculum PBL project in Year 8.

- Staff are provided with ongoing professional learning opportunities to support the differentiated curriculum and classroom delivery. GHS teachers are committed to creating a positive, supportive and dynamic learning environment.
- It is compulsory for students in the Year 7 and 8 High Achievers class to participate in national academic competitions. This can include (but not limited to) the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools for English, Maths, Science and Computer Skills. The assessments are designed to challenge and assess the student's ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. They recognise and reward academic excellence beyond Greystanes High School.

The Selection Process:

Due to Covid-19 restrictions mandated by the NSW Department of Education the selection process may change for 2021 class. Please see the application guidelines provided in the enrolment pack for further details.

To nominate for the Year 7 High Achievers class, students must follow the application guidelines provided in the enrolment pack. The process involves:

- ✓ Submitting a portfolio – The portfolio should showcase the student's academic success. It should include current primary school reports, Year 5 NAPLAN results, any external competition results of certificates and any other relevant information including work samples from subjects which indicate literacy skills.
- ✓ Students are invited to attend the mandatory selection day in Term 4 of Year 6 at Greystanes High School (date to be confirmed). This involves completing a writing task and a numeracy task. Students also engage in a collaborative Project Based Learning task to demonstrate critical thinking, problem solving, communication and decision making.



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YEAR 7 2021 HIGH ACHIEVERS CLASS PLACEMENT APPLICATION FORM

Please only complete this application for only if you are applying for the 7S High Potential Learners class at Greystanes High School in 2021.

STUDENT NAME: _____

PRIMARY SCHOOL: _____

Part 1: PORTFOLIO SUBMISSION

Application closing date- **Friday 23rd October 2020**

Please submit a portfolio of student work. This should include the following:

- Year 5 NAPLAN results
- Year 5 Reports & Year 6 half Yearly Reports
- Any external competition results or certificates
- Any other relevant information including 5 or 6 samples of your child's best work from subjects which indicate literacy skills

Portfolio's can be submitted to Greystanes High School by post or handed in at the front office.

Part 2: WRITTEN & PROJECT BASED LEARNING TASK

If you are applying for the 7S Class, you will be required to attend Greystanes High School on **Tuesday 3rd November* from 8:15am until 11.30am** to complete the following;

- One hour Literacy and Numeracy Test
- One hour Collaborative Project Based Learning Task

****Please note that this date and structure may be adjusted according to NSW Health and Department of Education Covid-19 guidelines.***

Part 3: LEARNING NEEDS

Does your child require learning assistance to complete the written test and PBL task identified in Part 2?

If so, please give details.

Parent/Caregiver _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Acceptance into 7S High Achievers Class will require payment of an additional fee of approximately \$50.00 which covers compulsory participation in National Competitions throughout 2021.

**This form along with your child's Portfolio outlined in Part 1 MUST be returned to the school by
DATE: 23 October 2020**

If adjustments need to be made to the date and structure of Part 2 of the selection process we will notify you via email. Please expect to receive information by Friday 23rd October.

Please provide contact details to receive this information:

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Contact number: _____