

## Year 7 2023: 7E [Extension Class] Placement Test: Friday 20th May

Dear Parents / Caregivers of Year 6 students,

The Yr 7 Extension Class for 2023 will consist of students with:

- ✓ A strong work ethic.
- ✓ Sound literacy and numeracy skills.
- ✓ The ability to work independently.
- ✓ The ability to reflect on their work.
- ✓ The ability to problem solve.

The test is just the beginning of the THREE STEP selection process, as other marking criteria for final selection to the class (an interview and portfolio) needs to occur, before a final place is offered to successful students in Term 3.

The following procedures for the test will apply:

- Arrange for your child to attend **Irrawang High School on FRIDAY 20th May** at **9.15am**.  
Students need to be in full school uniform.  
Students are to assemble at the area located in front of the school administration block.
- The test will commence at **9.30am sharp** and should take one and half hours, including short breaks.  
Students will be walked to the administration area at the conclusion of the exam, once the processing of paperwork is completed, at approximately **11.00 am**. Parents are asked not to be near the hall, under any circumstances, at any time.
- You will need to arrange for transport to and from Irrawang High School.
- Your child will need to supply their own pens, pencils, etc. and also have water / snacks with them

*See the outline over page for information about the test and complete selection process to 7E.*

**ALL students who wish to be considered for this class in 2023 MUST attend the test on the set date.**

If you have any questions about the selection process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Regards,

Ms Adele Robinson  
IHS Transition Coordinator

**IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 EXTENSION CLASS TEST**

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**\*\*STEP ONE: TEST**

The selective test will cover areas of the core curriculum including; Literacy, Numeracy and General

Knowledge.

The test is scheduled to last 1 ½ hours using a variety of questioning styles which could include:

- Multiple-choice and cloze questions to test reasoning ability and how well students can think through problems.
- Knowledge and application of numbers and basic operations, through a range of questions and problems.
- Comprehension and composition tasks to assess a student's skills in written communication, as well as their creativity and sophistication in the use of language.

**Students who reach the pre-determined bench mark in the test will be invited to move to STEP TWO, via email to the Primary School TRANSITION contact teacher, who will then pass on the information.**

**\*\* STEP TWO: INTERVIEW (Invitation ONLY)**

This part of the process will take approximately 15 minutes AND is an opportunity for your child to talk about their achievements and skills and showcase pieces of their work. The interview will take place **late in Term 3** at your child's own school, in a friendly, informal and supportive manner. Parents are most welcome to attend to support their child at the interview, but will not be formally included in the interview process.

**\*\* STEP THREE: PORTFOLIO (to be presented at the interview)**

The overall design of the portfolio is a student's individual choice; therefore NO common format should be appearing from student to student within any school.

Within the portfolio please include the following:

- Stage 3 School Reports (at least 2)
- Work Samples from at least 4 KLA's
- Naplan Results (Yr 5) AND in addition
- Individual Choice – Students are to prepare to discuss one work sample in detail with the interview panel – explaining the requirements of the task, the steps used to complete the task and be able to reflect on the overall success. (*Presentation could include digital media*)
- Other material that will give the panel a better understanding of your child – interests, sports, hobbies, goals and career aspirations.

**OVERALL MARKING CRITERIA for Selection to 7E**

TEST / 50

PORTFOLIO / 25

INTERVIEW / 25

TOTAL = /100