

Newsletter

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Dear Families and Carers,

Up and coming Events

Please take note of the following end of year activity dates.

Year 6 Jamberoo excursion - 4th December.

Ruby Award Assembly - 5th December. You will receive an invite if your child is receiving an award.

Kindergarten 2026 Best start Assessment - 8th and 11th December

Grandparents Day and Christmas concert - 9th December. Ice blocks will be available for purchase on the day.

Presentation Day assembly - 12th December 11.40am. You will receive a telephone call if your child is receiving an award

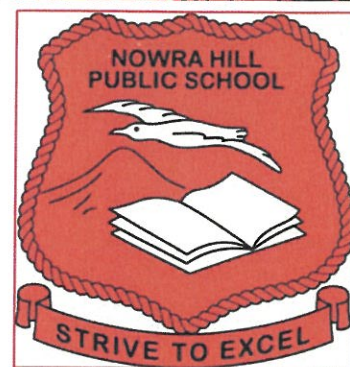
Yr 6 Farewell Assembly - 19th December (Possibly 1.45pm time to be confirmed).

P&C Christmas Raffle

The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas concert event. Please make sure you purchase your tickets for a chance to support our P&C and have the opportunity to win some great prizes.

Scripture

Our last scripture class was last Thursday, and we would like to thank Mrs Perks and Mrs Waddell for volunteering their time again this year.



Weekly Events

Library: Monday and Friday

Scripture: Thursday

Upcoming Events

Thursday, 4th December

Yr 6 Jamberoo Excursion

Friday, 5th December

Ruby Award Assembly

2.30pm

Mon 8th and Thurs 11th Dec

Kindergarten 2026 Best Start

Tuesday, 9th December

Grandparents Day/Xmas concert

Friday 12th December

Presentation Day 11.40am

Tuesday, 16th December

K-2 Berry Excursion

Wednesday, 17th Dec

Ruby Reward Day

Friday, 19th December

Yr 6 Graduation Assembly

Last Day of Term 4

27th, 28th, 29th 30th January

Staff Development Days

Monday, 2nd February 2026

All students start Term 1

AWARDS

**Congratulations to the students
who received awards.**

MERIT AWARDS

KH: Aaliyah and James

1/2P: Charlotte and Kye

2/3C: Daleah and Eric

3/4R: Cora and Gabby

4/5R: Michael and Josie

6W: Michael and Lexie

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

KH: Will

1/2P: Alex

2/3C: Jacob

3/4R: Mana

4/5R: Isobel

6W: Kage

Classes of the Fortnight

4/5R and 1/2P

Best Start

Kindergarten 2026 will be participating in their Best Start assessment next Monday or Thursday. Please speak to the office if you need to reschedule your child's time. We are looking forward to seeing our new Kinder students soon.

Selective High School

Please see flyer or attached link if you are considering applying for the [Opportunity Class for your child for 2027.](#)

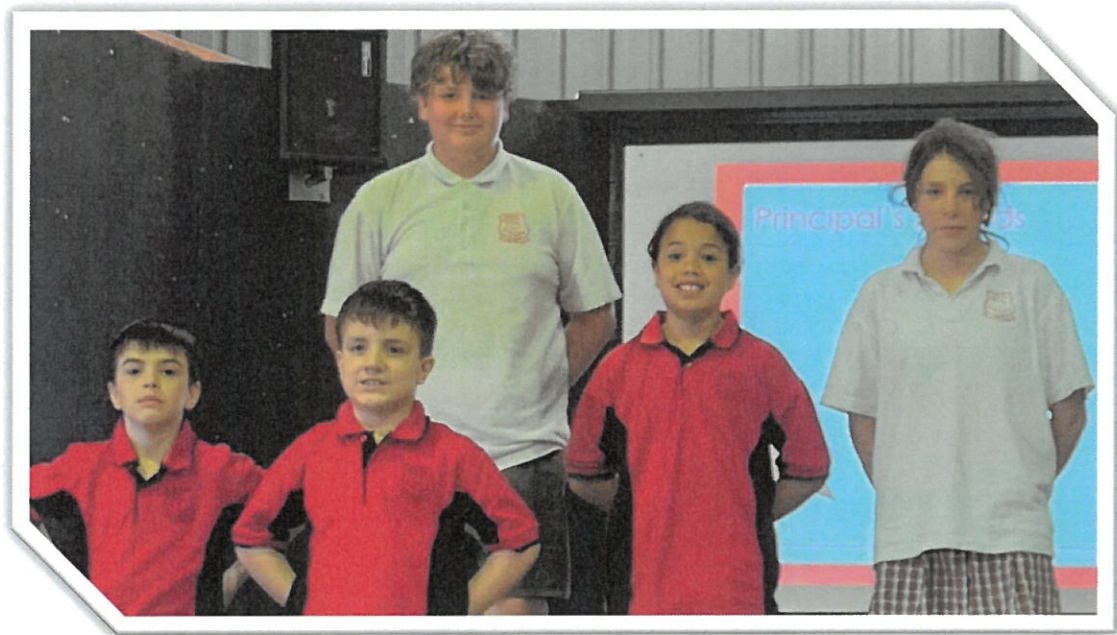
Lost Property

There are lots of drink bottles, lunch boxes and jumpers in lost property. Please come and take a look if you are missing anything. All items have no names and all containers will be discarded before the holidays. All clothing will be given to the second-hand uniform clothing pool.

Garden News

The students have strawberry and tomato plants for sale which they propagated or have grown from seed. If you would like a plant or two for your garden, we are asking for a gold coin donation. The money will go back into purchasing new plants for the garden for next year.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS



MERIT AWARDS





P&C ANNUAL Christmas RAFFLE!

9 AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON!

Get ready to jingle all the way into some seriously awesome prizes at this year's Christmas Concert!

Grab your tickets and cross those fingers — you could be one of our lucky winners!

1. \$100 Matty's Toys & Baby Voucher
2. Family Pass (2A, 2C) to Shoalhaven City Lanes
3. Two Admit-One Passes to Play O Rama (Valued at \$40)
4. Free Family Entry (2A, 2C) to Indoor Climb South Coast (Valued at \$128)
5. \$50 Treetops Adventure Voucher
6. \$50 The Hanger Voucher
7. \$50 The Dermal Lounge Voucher
8. Integrity Real Estate Gift Package
9. Woolworths Christmas Hamper

\$2 EACH

3 FOR \$5

7 FOR \$10

15 for \$20

50 \$50

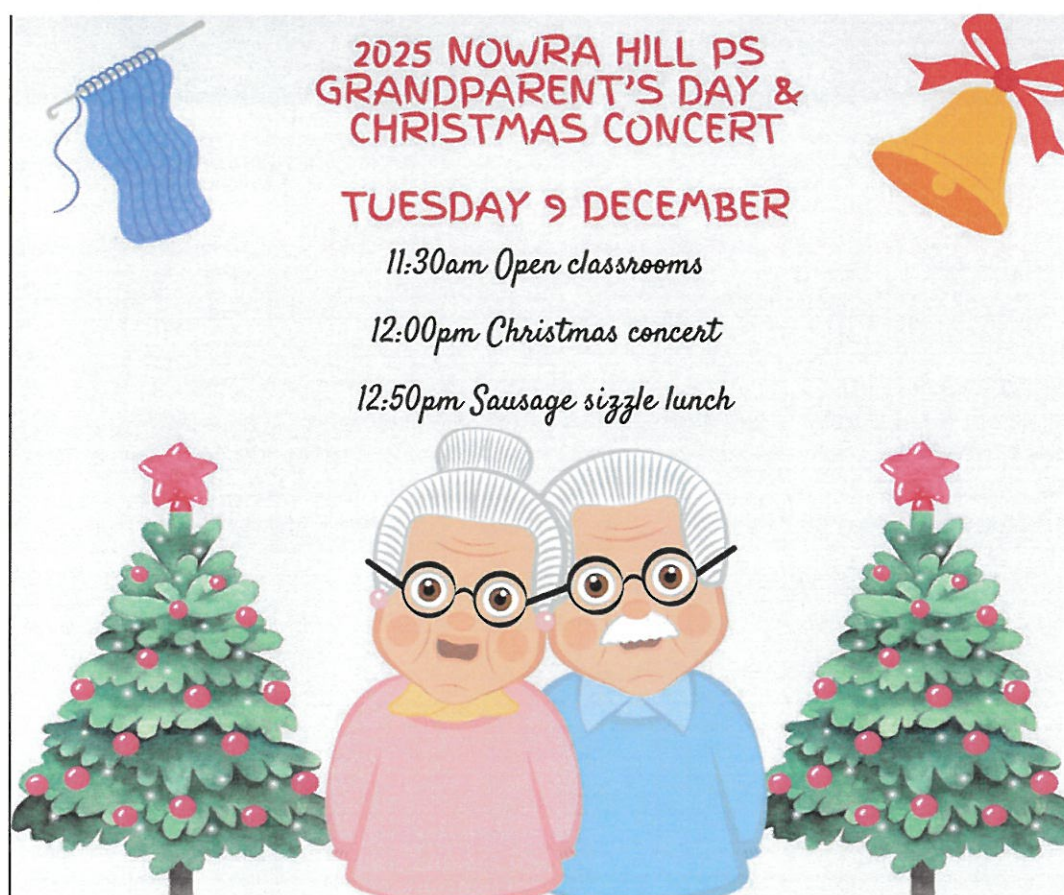
DON'T MISS OUT!

TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN 9th DEC 2025

Buy your raffle tickets at
the Christmas Concert
- cash on the day or
prior via my school connect app
for your chance to **WIN BIG!**

Let's make this the merriest raffle yet!





A guide to selective high schools and opportunity classes

Selective high schools and opportunity classes are specialist school settings that group together **high potential and gifted** students.

Learning with classmates who have similar abilities helps students' academic development and wellbeing.

Students still follow the NSW curriculum, but teachers may use special teaching methods for high potential and gifted learners.

Within each co-educational opportunity class and selective high school there will be an equal number of places available for girls and boys.

Selective high schools

There are 4 types of selective high schools:

- **fully selective** high schools – these are schools where all students have been selected based on the placement test
- **partially selective** high schools – these are schools that have a mix of selected students and local area students
- **agricultural selective** high schools – these are schools that emphasise the study of agriculture and all students are selected on their academic ability. Some of these schools also provide boarding where students live at the school
- **Aurora College** – these are online selective classes. They are provided at local public high schools in rural and remote areas.

Opportunity classes

Opportunity classes are for high potential and gifted students in Years 5 and 6. They are offered in a number of public primary schools across NSW.

Aurora College provides online opportunity classes for rural and remote students in their local primary schools.

Where are they located?

Selective high schools and opportunity classes are available across metropolitan, regional and rural NSW. Check the maps below for a school near you.

- [Find an opportunity class](#)
- [Find a selective high school](#)

How do I know if it is the right fit for my child?

Does your child:

- enjoy learning
- have intense curiosity
- display a good memory
- ask complex questions
- require fewer repetitions when learning new things
- display creative ways of thinking
- become intensely focused in their area of interest or passion?

If some of these sound like your child, an opportunity class or selective high school might be a good fit.

How do I apply?

Parents apply during the application period online at: shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au

2027 entry into an opportunity class or selective high school

The application period for 2027 entry is from **6 November 2025** to **20 February 2026**.

What year is my child in when I apply?

Opportunity classes

Parents apply when their child is near the end of Year 3 in 2025 or at the beginning of Year 4 in 2026.

Selective high schools

Parents apply when their child is near the end of Year 5 in 2025 or at the beginning of Year 6 in 2026.

Learn more on our website about the [application process](#) and residency requirements at [who can apply for opportunity classes](#) and [who can apply for selective high schools](#).

The placement test

After you apply, your child must sit a test. Students are then selected for placement based on their test performance.

When is the test?

The test will be available across a 2-day period:

Selective high school test: Friday 1 May and Saturday 2 May 2026

Opportunity class test: Friday 8 May and Saturday 9 May 2026

Students attend one test day only and do **not** need to bring their own computer to sit the computer-based placement tests.

Where will the tests be held?

The tests will mostly be held in local NSW public high schools. Students will be allocated a test centre location based on where they attend school. Parents need to take their child to the test centre on test day.

What's in the test?

The test assesses how well students understand what they read, reason using mathematics and their thinking skills. Applicants for selective high schools are also tested on their writing skills.

Learn more at: [Placement test](#).

When will I find out about my child's results?

After your child sits the test, you will get an email in Term 3 with their test performance and next steps. If your child is offered a place, you will get information on how to enrol.

The Equity Placement Model

The [Equity Placement Model](#) helps all students to have fair access to selective high schools and opportunity classes.

Under the Model, up to 20% of student places at each selective high school and opportunity class are held for high potential and gifted students:

- from low socio-educational advantage areas
- of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background
- from rural and remote locations
- with disability.

The held places are offered to students based on their performance in the placement test.

Learn more at [Fair access](#).

Supporting gifted students in all NSW public schools

Selective high schools and opportunity classes are just one of the ways that the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students.

High potential and gifted students are supported in all NSW public schools to reach their full potential. Learn more about the department's [High Potential and Gifted Education Policy](#).

Need more information?

Check the following webpages for more detailed information.

Webpages for parents and carers

- Selective high schools and opportunity classes: education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc
- Selective high schools: education.nsw.gov.au/shs-yr7
- Opportunity classes: education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Webpages for students

- Selective high schools and opportunity classes – information for students: <https://edu.nsw.link/shs-oc-students>
- Applying for an opportunity class: Student resource hub – edu.nsw.link/OCHub
- Applying for a selective high school: Student resource hub – edu.nsw.link/SHShub

Social media

Join our official department Facebook groups:

- Selective high school placement: edu.nsw.link/shs-fb
- Opportunity class placement: edu.nsw.link/oc-fb

Contact Us

Contact the Selective Education Team at:

Email: set@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone: 1300 880 367

Telephone interpreter service: 131 450

If you need an interpreter to assist with your enquiry please call the telephone interpreter service and tell the operator:

- the language you need
- the phone number you want to call.

The operator will call the number the Selective Education Team phone number (1300 880 367) and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.