



RIVERSTONE HIGH SCHOOL

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2027 Extension Class Application Form



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The Extension Class Program

An aspirational program for students who have been identified as showing potential for high achievement

Extension for high potential and gifted students deepens students' knowledge, understanding and skills. Extension classes align with the Plan for NSW Public Education commitment to deliver outstanding leadership, teaching and learning, including the advancement of equitable outcomes, opportunities and experiences. These classes can offer the opportunity for like-minded students to work together to optimise their talent development.

Rationale

Riverstone High School promotes engagement and challenge for every student, regardless of background across intellectual, creative, social-emotional and physical domains. Riverstone High School supports our students to achieve their potential through talent development opportunities and differentiated teaching and learning practices to ensure that their specific learning and wellbeing needs are met. The 2027 Extension Class is designed for students from our community that demonstrate potential in the intellectual and social-emotional domains.

Program features:

- Targeted classes which implement a modified teaching and learning program that utilise high leverage strategies that assist high potential students to realise their potential in the intellectual and social-emotional domains. Differentiated learning is designed to foster abilities in areas such as reasoning, critical thinking and problem-solving.
- The creation of student developed Individual Learning Plans that consistently monitor student progress.
- Mentoring program that develops students' social-emotional capacity, including abilities in self-management, emotional intelligence and motivation.
- Participation in extra-curricular programs in most KLAs, eg UNSW Maths Competition

What is expected of students in the Extension Class program?

- Extension classes are designed for students with demonstrated or emerging potential in two or more domains of potential. They provide accessible, inclusive pathways for high potential and gifted students and offer families a strong local alternative to selective or private schooling. The remaining classes continue as mixed-ability classes.
- Students are expected to focus on maximising every opportunity, stimulation and experience to develop and unleash their potential. Students are required to maintain their place in the class through continued effort and achievement, with student placement in each Extension Class to be evaluated every semester.
- Students in the Extension Class will have a strong commitment towards developing their talents and areas of interest through participation in a range of enrichment opportunities and extra-curricular activities and events such as sport, academic competitions, performing arts, community service, leadership and public speaking.

How are students selected?

All students will be required to submit evidence in the form of a portfolio that includes referees, NAPLAN results and school reports to determine suitability. Additionally, applicants are required to sit an entrance examination at a cost of \$15. The entrance examination will be held in the school hall and will be conducted as an online test that will assess each candidate's general ability.

In producing the portfolio, students should reflect on their achievements and choose items which illustrate their strengths and skills. The portfolio should include:

- Certificates and awards
- Recent test results
- Work samples
- Year 5 NAPLAN results
- Final Year 5 Report
- Mid-year Year 6 Report

If you require more information, please contact the Riverstone High School Front Office on 9627 1484

Next Steps

1. Complete and submit the attached application form by **Friday 18/9/26**. Further information about the portfolio submission is provided on the next page.
2. Submit non-refundable \$15 payment online or in person at Riverstone High School by **Friday 18/9/26**. Online payment details to be made via the following:
 - Visit <http://portal.schoolbytes.education/other-payment/2035>
 - Click Add Item, select the category General, then choose Extension Class 2027, payment amount of \$15.

Click Pay Now, select your payment type, and provide the student's name along with payer details.

Please ensure that the student's name and parent contact details (including email) are clear.

3. Attend Riverstone High School on **Thursday 24/9/26** to complete the entrance examination in the school hall. The test will begin at 9:30am and will take approximately 90mins to complete. Further details will be communicated closer to the event.
4. An internal school panel will assess all applications to decide the placement of students in the 2027 Extension Class. All applicants will be notified of their outcome by **Friday 16/10/26**.



Application

Form

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This application and your portfolio must be completed and received electronically or in person by Friday 18st September, 2026.

Email – riverstone-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au, subject line '2027 Extension Class Application'

2. You MUST include your Year 5 Final school report, Year 5 NAPLAN results and Year 6 mid-year reports.
3. You may include any other supporting documents (no more than 2 years old)
4. Please collate all documents into an online PDF. Please contact the school if unable.

STUDENT APPLICANTS' DETAILS

Surname :		Gender (Please Circle):	Male / Female
First Name:		Date of Birth:	
Residential Address:			

SCHOOLING HISTORY

School Name:		No. Years Attended:	
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School Name:		No. Years Attended:	

INTERESTS / HOBBIES

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PARENT / CARER DETAILS

Surname:		Relationship:	
First Name:		Contact No.	
Residential Address:			
Email Address:			

Personal Statement

This statement should be completed by the student. The statement should briefly outline why the student would like to be a member of the Extension Class at Riverstone High School?

Please tell us some things about yourself that would help us to decide about your application. You may like to include your future goals, past achievements, leadership experiences and your attitude towards learning.

Referee Statements:

You are required to have this section completed by two referees (not relatives) who can comment on the student's character and commitment to learning

Name:		Relationship to student:	
Signed:		Contact No.	

Name:		Relationship to student:	
Signed:		Contact No.	

Declaration

I understand the selection process will use the evidence from the portfolio, referees, NAPLAN results, school reports and the entrance exam results to determine suitability for consideration of placement in the Extension Class program.

I declare that the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge true and accurate. I recognise that should statements or supporting documentation in this application later prove to be false or misleading, any decision made because of this application may be reversed.

I understand all offers of placement in the Extension Class program will be at the discretion of the Principal of Riverstone High School.

Student Signature		Date:	
Parent /Carer Signature		Date:	