



Toormina High School 2024
High Achiever's Class
Information & Application Form



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Year 7 2024 High Achievers Class Information

What is the High Achievers class?

The High Achievers class has been established to meet the needs of talented, motivated students. Statistical data confirm that each year a group of students with significant differences in innate ability enrol into our school. Research indicates that the learning and socialisation needs of this group are potentially different from the majority of our students. Converting ability into performance is a function of motivation and application. The students in this class will be taught an appropriately broadened, extended and accelerated curriculum. The High Achievers class may also be offered supplementary learning opportunities such as personal interest projects.

The High Achievers class is designed to:

- Provide the appropriate level of academic challenge for students with above average academic achievement
- Promote a positive work ethic which encourages all students to achieve their full potential with likeminded peers
- Enhance innovation, collaboration and creativity in learning

In 2023, we will offer one High Achievers class for talented and motivated students. This will allow for up to 30 student placements. A reserve list may be established and students invited to fill places should vacancies occur. The class will generally remain as a group for the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- History
- Science
- Geography
- Music
- PDHPE

Design and Technology subjects will be mixed ability classes of no more than 22 students. This course structure provides extension class students with plenty of opportunities to meet and work with a large number of their Year 7 peers. Students who are not maintaining grades and/or motivation may be moved out of the class.

Please note that this form does not replace the Toormina High enrolment application form which needs to be filled out later in the year.



Selection Criteria for Year 7 2024 High Achievers Class

Students will be selected for the Year 7 High Achievers based on their Achievement Profile as outlined below.

1 Academic Merit

When determining academic merit the selection committee will consider:

- School reports.
- Competition results.
- Teacher comments and indication of academic merit.

2 Motivation

Highlights of schooling and future goals:

- Student composition.
- A strong desire to participate in the academic, sporting and co-curricular activities of the school and community.
- A willingness on the part of the applicant's parents to support the ethos and activities of the school.
- Co-curricular activities – sport, drama, dance etc.

3 Principal recommendation

Principals will be asked to comment on:

- Motivation.
- Conduct.
- Contribution to school life.
- Academic achievement.

4 Testing, group activity and interview

- Students will be invited to attend a testing day on Thursday 20th July 2023 from 9:30am-12pm at Toormina High School Hall.
- Students will undertake a written test (40 minutes with 5 minutes reading time) and participate in a spontaneous learning challenge with other year 6 applicants.
- Students will also complete an interview (with their parent/s) to discuss their learning strengths, weaknesses and goals.



Year 7 2024 High Achievers Class Application Process

1. Sections 1 – 9 of the application including Student Composition and Commitment Agreement must be completed by applicants. Supporting documentation can be placed with the application.

This must be returned to Primary school by Thursday 25 May 2023.

2. The student's primary school is asked to complete **Section 10**.

3. Applications forms will be collected from primary schools on **Thursday 15 June 2023**.

4. Students will be advised by email no later than **Friday 30 June 2023** if:

- a. they are being offered to attend the testing and group activity session on **Thursday 20 July 2023** and details of how to book the interview.
- b. their application has been unsuccessful.

5. Placement will be determined by a Placement Committee consisting of the Principal, Deputy Principals and Head Teacher Wellbeing.

6. The placement committee will meet and determine student placement.

7. There is no appeal process; however, the Principal will be able provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants if requested.

8. A letter will be sent to all students who were successful at their interview offering them a place in the class.

Parents should accept or decline this offer by Friday 29 October 2023.

Commitment Agreement

Parents and students will be asked to sign a commitment agreement. This signing of the commitment form represents the recognition by the student and their family of the particular ethos and expectations of the class into which they have gained entry. Successful applicants should see the offer as a privilege and its acceptance as a responsibility. Failure to meet their commitment may result in a student being moved out of the Extension class and into another.



Year 7 2024 High Achievers Class Application Form

1 Student's Family Name: _____

2 Student's Given Names: _____

3 Current School: _____

4 Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ / _____ / _____

5 Please circle: Male/Female

6 Parent/Caregivers Details:

Title: _____

First Name: _____

Family Name: _____

Relationship to student (e.g. mother): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Mobile: _____



9. Co-Curricular Activities

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTON (WHERE APPLICABLE)
DANCE	
DRAMA	
MUSIC	
VOCAL	
DEBATING	
TOURNAMENT OF MINDS	
SPORT	
SCHOOL	
REGIONAL	
STATE	
OTHER	
LEADERSHIP HISTORY	
SRC	
SCHOOL CAPTAIN	
HOUSE CAPTAIN	
PEER SUPPORT	
COMMUNITY SERVICE	



Student Composition (handwritten)

Describe the highlights to date of your primary schooling and what you wish to gain from your secondary schooling.

Student Commitment Agreement

I understand that the offer of placement into the High Achievers at Toormina High School is a privilege. I understand that the acceptance of this offer entails my commitment to:

- Always behave in a responsible, courteous and respectful manner.
- Always follow teacher instruction and all school rules.
- Work cooperatively with peers.
- Always come to class with the appropriate equipment and a willingness to do my best.
- Complete all class tasks, assignments and homework to the best of my ability.
- Speak with the class teacher if there are any difficulties or concerns. I understand that if I do not abide by this commitment I may forfeit my place within this class.

Student Signature: _____



Parent / Caregiver Commitment Agreement

I understand that the offer of placement to my child into the High Achievers Class at Toormina High School is a privilege. I understand the commitment my child has made in accepting this offer. I agree to support the school and my child with this commitment. I understand that if my child does not abide by this commitment, he/she may forfeit their place within this class.

Parent/ Caregiver Signature: _____

The Year 7 Advisor will notify the parent / caregiver if there are any concerns with the placement or progress of a student within this class.

10. Academic Merit (filled out by the Primary school)

Please indicate with an 'x'

STAGE 3	WORKING TOWARDS	ACHIEVED	WORKING BEYOND
READING			
WRITING			
SPEAKING & LISTENING			
NUMERACY			

Class Teacher's Comment:



Principal's Comment:

Principal's Signature: _____