



Toormina High School

2017 Extension Class Information
& Application Form



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Year 7 2017 Extension Class Information

What is the Extension Class?

The extension 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. They will be challenged, motivated and inspired.

Students who are not maintaining grades and/or motivation may be moved out of the class.

The class will remain as a group for the following subjects:

- English
- Music
- PDHPE
- LOTE
- History
- Geography

The Mathematics Faculty will grade students within the first 5 weeks on each student's ability for this particular subject.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) Faculty may group students into single sex classes.

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.

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

Selection Criteria for Year 7 2017 Extension Class

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

1: **Academic Merit:**

When determining academic merit the selection committee will consider:

- School reports.
- Competition results.
- NAPLAN results (from Year 5).
- 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. **Interview:**

- Students will be asked to discuss their learning strengths, weaknesses and goals.

Application Process

1. **Sections 1 – 10** 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 Tuesday 14th June 2016.

2. The student's primary school is asked to complete **Section 11**.

3. The applicant's primary school will then forward the student's application to:

Mrs. Julie Roberts: Year 7 Extension Class 2017

Toormina High School

Armstrong Drive, Toormina NSW 2452

This must be posted by Friday 17th June 2016

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

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

6. A letter will be sent to all applicants informing applicants if:

- a. they are being offered an interview
- b. they have been placed on the reserve list
- c. their application has been unsuccessful

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 26th August 2016.**

Class Composition

The extension class will consist of 30 students. Up to three places may be held for late enrolments and/or out of area placements (students who have moved to the Coffs Harbour area). These places will be filled by students on the reserve list in the first week of term one.

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.

Year 7 2017 Extension 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: _____

7: Academic Merit

Please note: You must attach a photocopy of your child's Year 5 NAPLAN results to this application form.

Year 5 NAPLAN	Reading	Writing	Language	Numeracy
<i>Band achieved</i>				

8: Co- Curricular Activities

Activity	Description (where applicable)
Public Performance	
Dance	
Drama	
Music	
Vocal	
Debating	
Tournament of Minds	
Other	
Sport	
School	
Regional	
State	
Other	
Leadership History	
SRC	
School Captain	
House Captain	
Peer Support	
Community Service	

9: Student Composition (Hand written)

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

10: Commitment Agreement

Student

I understand that the offer of placement into the Extension Class 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.
- 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

I understand that the offer of placement to my child into the Extension 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 / GATS co-ordinator will notify the parent / caregiver if there are any concerns with the placement or progress of a student within this class.

11: Academic Merit

Please indicate with an 'x'

Stage 3	Working Towards	Achieved	Working Beyond
Reading			
Writing			
Speaking & Listening			

Class Teacher's Comment

Principal's Comment

Principal's Signature: _____