

Two New Selective Strand Year 7 Classes Each Year

A MESSAGE TO CURRENT YEAR 5 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

We offer places for all students – both local area and selective students. Selective class positions are offered to students identified through the selective high schools test and local or community students will always be offered places at their local school.

We will structure our classes so that selective students work together within distinct core subject area classes and are partnered with community students for elective classes and sport. We are one of four schools in South Western Sydney Region that have been nominated to receive selective students from the 2010 school year: Bonnyrigg High School, Elizabeth Macarthur High School, Moorebank High School & Prairiewood High School.

Other schools in our local geographical area that offer special enrolments to students on the basis of their abilities in sporting or other extra-curricular areas are NOT official selective high schools – except for Westfields Sports High School which offers places to students on the basis of outstanding sporting ability.

What do partially selective schools offer?

Selective classes at Prairiewood High School cater for academically gifted and talented students by providing intellectual stimulation through a local educationally enriched environment. This eliminates the need for students to travel excessive distances to participate in selective classes.

Benefits:

- In your local area and close to home
- Safe and familiar surroundings
- Quality education catering for academically gifted and talented students
- An opportunity to work with other gifted and talented students
- Very affordable and realistic school fees
- Easy travel access by bus, T-way and train
- More time to see your friends and for important afternoon activities

Prairiewood High School

“Local Comprehensive and Partially Selective High School ... the very best of both worlds”
The selective classes at **Prairiewood High School** provide equity of opportunity for gifted and talented students in the **South Western Sydney Region** to be provided with teaching and learning experiences that meet their specific learning needs – with all teachers having been especially trained and accredited by University of New South Wales.

Selective classes at our school will gather gifted and talented students into cooperative learning support groups and teachers at our school will employ specialised teaching methods such as the use of more open-ended tasks, project-based learning, engagement with ICT and greater depth of curriculum treatment.

Selective classes can have a very positive impact on the whole of the **Prairiewood High School** community. Australian-based research evidence shows a significant level of improvement in overall results in the School Certificate and HSC for ALL students in schools that are partially selective.

Opportunities for all of our students are great as they will work in partnership with other students. All of our students will benefit from the techniques and resources employed in gifted and talented education.

Students who are gifted and talented, academically focused and committed to study are encouraged to apply.

- ✓ **Parents of students considering selective high school entry in Year 7 for 2013 must apply by completing an application form.**
- ✓ **To be considered for our school, you must include our school as a preference on your official application form**
- ✓ **Applications for Year 7 in 2013 are to be returned by November 14, 2011**

Contact your local public school or Prairiewood High School

Email: info@prairiewoodhigh.com.au

Phone: (02) 9725 5444

Interested in applying for one of the small number of vacancies available in Year 8, Year 9 or Year 10 Selective Classes for 2013?

For information about applying for a selective position in Year 8 Selective Classes at our school next year, contact the school for an official application form...

Prairie Vale Road, Wetherill Park NSW 2164

Postal Address: Locked Bag 46, Wetherill Park B.C. NSW 2164

Phone: 02 97255444 **FAX:** 02 96046127

The Selective Test for students seeking Selective Class enrolment in Year 8, Year 9 or Year 10 in 2013 will be held in August, 2012.

The Selective School and Opportunity Class Placement Unit

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/selectiveschools.php>

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone: (02) 9797 6262

Students applying for selective high school entry in Year 7 for 2013 will take the Selective High Schools Placement Test in March 2012. Students will be considered on the basis of their test results and school assessment scores by selection committees.

You will be advised of the outcome of your application in July 2012.

For information about the nominated partially selective high schools in the South Western Sydney Region, contact the individual school or follow the link to their website:

Prairiewood HS

<http://www.prairiewoodhigh.com.au/>

Elizabeth Macarthur HS

<http://www.elizabeth-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Bonnyrigg HS

<http://www.bonnyrigg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Moorebank HS

<http://www.moorebank-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

[Why not submit your child's application ON-LINE now?](#)

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What really makes us different?

- ✓ Prairiewood High School has a very strong student welfare support team ... with a Year Adviser and an Assistant Year Adviser assigned to each student year group... from Years 7 to 12.
- ✓ Almost all teachers in all faculty areas have a recognised qualification (GERRIC) from the University of NSW in the area of teaching Gifted and Talented students, with many also having received specialised training (TELL) for teaching students from Non-English Speaking backgrounds.
- ✓ All teaching staff are part of an established Community of Schools group which focuses upon sharing teaching ideas and resources for selective stream students across all areas of the high school curriculum.
- ✓ Prairiewood High School receives one million dollars of Commonwealth Government funding each year to assist in developing new strategies to improve learning outcomes for all students.
- ✓ In the past two years, three students from Prairiewood High School have been awarded major university scholarships in recognition of their outstanding academic success in the HSC.
- ✓ During 2011, one of our Prairiewood students in Year 12 won the NSW Finals of the SMH Plain English Speaking Competition and a Year 7 student has been awarded a first place prize in the National Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. In recognition of her outstanding success, a Year 12 VET student has been announced as "Vocational School Student of the Year" for the SW Sydney Institute of TAFE. Additionally, we proudly congratulate another Prairiewood student whose outstanding short film is being featured at the Cannes Film Festival, whilst on the sports field, two students were selected to play in National teams.

Which school will you choose for your selective or gifted and talented child in 2013? The choice is yours!

Our special gifted and talented opportunities for students include...

- ✓ Debating and Public Speaking competitions at district, regional and state level
- ✓ National Schools' Competitions – English, Maths, Science, Geography, Chemistry
- ✓ Languages' (ACER) Competitions and competitions conducted by UNSW in Business Studies and Economics
- ✓ Outdoor Education: Duke of Edinburgh Award Program, hikes and annual overnight camp
- ✓ Student Leadership Development Program involving Captains/Prefects, SRC and Sports Council
- ✓ Performance opportunities and experiences in music, dance, drama – talent quests and concerts
- ✓ Participation in regional and statewide music, dance and drama programs
- ✓ Ag. Show Team – participation in Sydney Royal and other regional agricultural shows and competitions, as
- ✓ Annual UWS School' Unisteer Challenge
- ✓ Astronomy Nights – school and community program
- ✓ Specialised G&T programs in Visual Arts, Ceramics, Photography and Science
- ✓ Major Sporting Programs in Rugby, Volleyball and Indoor Soccer – at regional, state and national level
- ✓ Term Four Fitness Development Program
- ✓ Extension I and Extension II Courses in both English and Mathematics
- ✓ Extension I Courses in Languages and in History
- ✓ Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Senior Science
- ✓ Business Studies, Economics, Society and Culture and Geography
- ✓ Ancient History, Modern History and Legal Studies
- ✓ PDHPE, Music, Drama, Video and Digital Imaging, Visual Arts, Photography and Food Technology
- ✓ Information Processes and technology, Design and Technology, Industrial Technology Wood
- ✓ School VET Courses: Hospitality – Kitchen Operations, Information Technology, Theatre and Entertainment, Primary Industries and Retail Operations

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"Challenging Students for the Future"