

Lake Illawarra High School

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YEAR 7 2021 EXCEL (Expanded Curriculum for Enriched Learning) CLASS APPLICATION

At Lake Illawarra High School our highly motivated, experienced, and dedicated staff strive to engage and support our students, to prepare them to be future-focused and ready for the world beyond school. We are proud of the students and staff who make up our Lake Learning Community, who continue to ensure that we provide opportunities for our students to succeed in whatever they do.

Lake Illawarra High School provides opportunities for gifted and talented students across our school. Although we have always 'streamed' our classes to meet our students at their learning point of need, in 2021 we are continuing with the EXCEL class in years 7 and 8. This will be an enrichment class designed to be challenging and will cater for high achieving, academic students, providing intellectual stimulation by designing lessons that foster and build critical 21st Century skills, essential for the future workspaces and places. As Lake Illawarra has been named as only one of three schools as a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Center of Excellence, innovative teaching methods, such as STEM or PBL (Project Based Learning) are examples of the types of methods used to enrich learning with this class.

Lake Illawarra High School will open applications for students who are highly motivated, display outstanding academic aptitude and are willing to be pushed to reach their academic best. Applicants for the EXCEL class are selected by the school after all applications are reviewed by a selection panel. The students in this class will be selected on the basis of their results in Year 5 NAPLAN, Year 6 reports, primary school based PAT-R, their involvement and performance in Primary School and information provided in the application. Furthermore, we will be communicating with the applicants' Year 6 teachers to fully assess their suitability.

All correspondence and telephone advice is provided to the parent or caregiver named on the application form. This parent or caregiver should be the custodial parent or caregiver living with the child. Please inform Lake Illawarra High School if there is a change in details.

Important dates:

Applications for Enrichment Class close – Friday 6th November 2020 (Week 4, Term 4)

Outcomes advice mailed – Friday 4th December 2020

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'A Positive Future for Every Student'

Enrichment Class Application Form

All applications must be submitted to Lake Illawarra High School by Friday 30th October 2020

Family Name:	First Name:
Date of Birth:	Primary School:
Parents/Caregivers Name:	
Address:	
Contact Phone No:	Email Address:
Brief List of Academic Achievements: (Competitions, School Awards, Subject based details)	
Brief List of School Involvement: (Leadership, Sport, Cultural, Creative and Performing Arts)	
Brief List of Interests, Hobbies and Community Participation:	

I give permission for Lake Illawarra HS to access NAPLAN, PAT-R and other relevant data from my primary school to further inform my application.

Applicants should complete these questions in their own handwriting in the space provided

Why do you want to be part of the EXCEL program at Lake Illawarra HS?

Tell us about one area of particular interest to you and why it interests you.