



MUIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Muirfield High School High Achievers Class Information

Dear Parents,

The High Achievers' Class caters for students who are talented in literacy and numeracy and provides challenging enrichment and extension opportunities, including creative and critical thinking. Students who are achieving results well above average and enjoy being challenged may find this class rewarding.

Multiple criteria, including parent nomination and primary school data are used to determine the class and to ensure the selection process is fair and reliable.

Frequently asked questions about the high achievers class:

How do I apply?

Fill in the forms below and attach the supporting documentation. Submit the application to Muirfield by 6 April 2023 (last day of Term 1). Do not submit your High Achievers' Class application to your primary school as it may not be sent to us. Applications will be accepted after this date, however as there may be no vacancies in the class, students may be placed on the waiting list.

When will I find out whether my child has been successful in their application?

You will receive notification of placement in the High Achievers' Class in Term 2. Some students may be offered enrolment but placed on a waiting list for the High Achievers Class.

What should my child's Portfolio include?

You should include the following:

- *Application Form (included);*
- *Semester 2 report from Year 5;*
- *A piece of Year 5 or 6 writing of which your child is proud. Include an explanation of what the text was eg: a class test, an assignment, a polished piece etc.*

You may wish to include:

- *One other piece of Year 6 work eg: a Mathematics test if your child is good at Maths;*
- *Certificates from Mathematics, English, Science, Spelling etc competitions*

NB: Please do not submit original items. Only submit copies.

Will my child be disadvantaged if they are not selected for the High Achievers' Class?

No, all of Year 7 have many opportunities open to them including leadership teams, talented dance program, Royal Easter Show Team, Concert Band, to name a few.

Will my child remain in the class all year?

Class placement is reviewed every semester. If a child is not happy or progressing appropriately, an interview with the Year Adviser may determine whether a more appropriate placement can be found in another class. Similarly, students in the mixed ability classes may be demonstrating high levels of achievement and may be better placed in the High Achievers' Class.

What if I am undecided?

Fill in the form, talk to your primary school teacher and make your decision after this. You know your child better than others. Consider their attitude to learning and whether they are better off working in a more competitive environment and enjoy the challenge of higher order thinking and faster pace of learning.

What is the selection process?

A small panel from our school will look at the portfolio that you have submitted and, if needed, seek clarification from your child's primary school. The panel will decide whether this class would be the most appropriate environment for your child.

What if I have more questions?

Contact Tina Hosen, Deputy Principal, on 9872 2244.

We look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you to our school community.

Yours sincerely

Jennifer Reeves
Principal

HIGH ACHIEVERS' CLASS APPLICATION FORM

Name of student: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Current class teacher: _____

Mailing address: _____

Best contact phone number: _____

FOR THE PARENT/ GUARDIAN

Please answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

Particular areas of talent observed (please tick all that apply for your child)							
<i>Reading</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Problem solving</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Superior vocabulary</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Leadership</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Writing</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Critical thinking</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Clever use of humour</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Team work</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Mathematics</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Creative thinker</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Languages</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Collaborative skills</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Humanities</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Independent learner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Computing skills</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Drama</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Sciences</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Fast learner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Musical</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Artistic</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. Why do you think your child will benefit from the Muirfield High School High Achievers' class experience?
2. Detail any information that you think will help decide whether placement in this class will be appropriate for your child. eg: special gifts; outstanding performances; if you think they are a gifted underachiever; developmental milestones, etc.

For the student: Please answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. What are your interests?
2. At school what are the thing(s) you do best at? Explain why you think you do well at this/ these subjects.
3. What extra-curricular activities do you do at school? eg: peer support, band, sports, etc.
4. What extra-curricular activities do you do out of school? eg: music, sport, drama, etc.