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**School resource**

# Opportunity class applications opening

## Opportunity class applications are open from 7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025

**Opportunity class Year 5 entry in 2026:** Apply when your child is at the end of Year 3 or the beginning of Year 4.

### Where are **opportunity classes (Year 5-6)** located?

There are 2 types of opportunity classes:

* full-time opportunity classes in selected primary schools
* Aurora College, which provides online opportunity classes for rural and remote students in their local [authorised host schools](https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/choosing-a-school/opportunity-classes#ochost).

Search for an opportunity class near you at [Find an opportunity class](https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/choosing-a-school/opportunity-classes#findoc).

Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full-time in Years 5 and 6. In most cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class.

Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on the  [opportunity classes](https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/what-are-selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes-) website and in the student resource hub:

* [Applying for an opportunity class: Student resource hub](https://resources.education.nsw.gov.au/api/v1/blob-store/ZXF1X2VkdWNhdGlvbmFsc3VwcG9ydF9PQy1TVFVERU5ULVJFU09VUkNFLUhVQg===/YXBwbHlpbmctZm9yLWFuLW9wcG9ydHVuaXR5LWNsYXNzLXN0dWRlbnQtcmVzb3VyY2UtaHViLXNjb3JtMTItQWFhZ0Fwa2Uuemlw=/c2Nvcm1jb250ZW50=/aW5kZXguaHRtbA===?versionid=#/)

### Fair and equitable access

The [Equity Placement Model](https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/fair-access) helps make access fairer for more high potential students in our community.

We know that some students may be missing out because they experience educational disadvantage.

Under the model, up to 20% of places in each selective high school and opportunity class are held for:

* students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
* Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
* students from rural and remote locations
* students with disability.

These students still receive offers based on their performance in the placement test.

Learn more at [Fair access](https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/fair-access).

### The application process

Complete the [online application.](https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/)

Applications **close** on **21 February 2025**.

Once your application has been submitted and processed, your child will need to sit a computer-based placement test. Learn more at [Application process](https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/application-process).

### Ready to apply?

Apply online at [shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au](https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/)

### Further information

Visit [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/what-are-selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes-).