



YEAR 7 EXTENSION CLASS APPLICATION PACKAGE

PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT LEARNING

Cronulla High School has a committed and enthusiastic teaching staff who are determined to maintain and to further improve our record of adding value to your child's performance. We have a number of programs in place to support student learning, some of which are described below.

The Learning and Citizenship Passport

Student achievement in the areas of Learning & Citizenship is recognised and re-enforced at Cronulla High School by the use of multi-level merit system. Students are responsible for maintaining their Folder and all certificates for the entire time they are at Cronulla. Students can reach bronze, silver, and gold levels through their efforts. The award of the gold medal includes a gold certificate, a \$100 eftpos card from the P & C in recognition of long and outstanding achievement.

Our merit system is based on six key learning and citizenship skills and values:

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| <i>1. Critical Thinking Skills</i> | <i>4. Interpersonal Skills</i> |
| <i>2. Academic Skills</i> | <i>5. Creativity Skills</i> |
| <i>3. Citizenship Skills</i> | <i>6. Self-Managing Skills</i> |

Recognising Achievement

Academic, sporting, cultural and community achievements are recognised and rewarded at Cronulla High School with a range of prizes and awards over and above the Learning & Citizenship Passport. Cash performance incentives are donated to the school by businesses and individuals in the community. These groups actively support our goal of recognising student achievement. These include academic, sporting and performing arts awards and scholarships. The P&C also fund awards to the first three place-getters in each year's HSC and subsidise the costs of students representing the school in a variety of activities covering leadership, sporting, performing arts, debating activities etc. This array of awards ensures that achievement is publicly recognised and valued across the school.

Homework Centre

The Homework Centre will run every Wednesday, before and after school. Two teachers will be in the library from 8am to 8:40am and 3:10 to 4.15pm, to help students with their studies, whether it be homework, assessment tasks, or just providing a space for students with computer and printer facilities. The Homework Centre is a valuable tool for students to maximise their study time.

Careers Adviser

A full-time careers adviser will work with students from Year 9 onwards. Work placement opportunities begin in Year 9, so that students may experience a variety of careers and begin defining their goals for the future.

Welfare Team

Counselling and advice on personal, emotional and family issues are available from the Head Teacher Welfare, school counsellor, year adviser and girls' supervisor. All staff members, including the principal and deputy principals, are committed to helping students with any problems they face.

Information Technology

Computer based learning is integrated across the curriculum and each student in Years 7 and 8 undertakes Computing Studies. The library computers as well as those in the library's computer room are available to students at recess and lunchtimes.

Cronulla High School is a BYOD school. Information regarding recommended devices can be found on the school website <https://cronulla-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/bring-your-own-device.html>

Co-Curricular Activities

- Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Student Leadership Training
- Environmental Group
- Interschool Snowsports Team
- FI Challenge
- Targeted Surfing Program
- Debating & Public speaking
- Relay for Life
- Junior & Senior Dance Ensembles
- Junior & Senior Drama Ensembles
- School Concert Band
- Stage Band
- Instrumental Ensembles
- Vocal & Instrumental tuition
- CHS Vocal Group
- Short film festival
- Art Club
- Photography Club
- Senior Student Mentor Scheme
- English, Mathematics, Science, Geography & History Competitions
- Resuscitation & First Aid Certificate Courses

THE EXTENSION CLASS TEST

The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) provides and marks our extension class test. We supervise the students who sit the test.

The test aims to:

- Provide an independent and objective measure of student performance and
- Identify a student's relative strengths and weaknesses.

The test comprises the following sections:

Reading Comprehension	-	45 minutes
Written Expression	-	25 minutes
Mathematical Reasoning	-	40 minutes

A short break will be given between tests 2 and 3.

ACER Resources

- **HAST Practice materials.** If students are interested in purchasing a HAST Sample Question Booklet, please visit: <https://shop.acer.org/higher-ability-selection-test-hast-sample-materials.html>

Costs associated with testing

A **\$50 fee** is required to cover the cost of external testing, marking and reporting results.

Reporting Results

Parents will receive letters detailing their child's individual results. Cronulla High School will make offers of places in the 7C (for Cronulla) extension class based on the order of merit. A waiting list will also be established. Additional information may be attached to the test registration form. This may be taken into account by the school in cases where students achieve similar levels of performance in the extension class test.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

Offers of Placement in 7C will only be made to students who have submitted an active application for Cronulla High School via their own current primary school. It is important that Cronulla High School is chosen as the **first preference** regardless of whether the student is within the Cronulla High School zone. The link for the online *Expression of Interest for Placement in a NSW Government Secondary School* will be distributed by primary schools in Term 1. Students who reside outside the Cronulla High School zone also need to complete the Out of Area application process to be considered for placement in the Extension Class.

These applications are not to be confused with the attached registration form for the Extension Class.

Students from non-government schools can obtain an application form direct from Cronulla High School or the Cronulla High School website.

TO REGISTER FOR AND SIT FOR THE EXTENSION CLASS TEST:

- Return the completed registration form to Cronulla High School
- Pay the \$50 fee online via <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/other-payment/1759>

Final registration and payment date is Thursday 14 March 2024

Extension Class Test Date: Monday 25 March 2024 at 9.00am

Students should assemble outside the Library steps at 9.00am.
Students will be ushered into the Hall at 9.15am for instructions.
Parents can collect their children in the same location at 12.00pm.

Test Location: Cronulla High School Hall

What to wear: Current primary school uniform

What to bring:

- two HB or B pencils for the multiple-choice tests
- a good quality eraser
- a pencil sharpener
- two blue or black pens
- Morning tea or money to purchase morning tea from the canteen.

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Registration Form

Return this completed form to Cronulla High School by **Thursday 14 March 2024**

Cronulla High School
Extension Class Registration
P O Box 1067
Cronulla 2230

OR

Cronulla-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Student Details

Given Name:Surname:

Male / Female Date of birth:

Current primary school:

Designated Local High School:

Residential address:

..... Postcode:

Postal address:

..... Postcode:

Parent Details

Father's Name: Father's Mobile:

Mother's Name: Mother's Mobile:

Contact Email:

ONLINE PAYMENT RECEIPT NUMBER:

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