



# DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 4 students,

The placement process for opportunity class entry in 2021, including the Opportunity Class Placement Test, **will be delayed until later in the year**. As a result, **applications will not open on 28 April 2020 as previously advised**.

The opportunity class placement will still go ahead in 2020 however, the process for that, including the timeline, will look a little different this year. We intend to ensure Year 5 students are placed in opportunity classes in 2021 with minimal disruption to schools and families.

This delay is in response to the social distancing measures that are currently in place to help slow the spread of COVID-19 throughout the community. The department will continue to work closely with NSW Health to ensure people have access to the latest advice on how to keep staff, students and the community safe.

Revised dates for applications, tests and process changes will be announced as soon as they are confirmed. Please ensure that you check the website regularly to remain up to date with information relating to opportunity classes.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

## ***High Potential, Gifted and Talented Children***

*Is the Opportunity Class right for my child?*

***Gifted*** students are those whose potential is distinctly above average in one or more of the following domains of human ability: intellectual, creative, social and physical. ***High potential*** and ***talented*** students are those whose skills are distinctly above average in one or more areas of human performance. If you are looking for more information regarding your child's suitability in an Opportunity Class environment, please look at the Department's website regarding characteristics of High Potential, Gifted and Talented Children: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/general-information/gifted-and-talented-students>

This process is run externally to the school; the High Performing Students Unit are responsible for the application and selection process. Please ensure that you check the Department website frequently to ensure you remain up to date with the Opportunity Class information.

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**Year 4 Teachers**

*Mr Field and Miss Fisher*

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