Parents and carers of Year 4 students

Each year at this time parents of Year 4 students are given the opportunity to apply for their child to attend an Opportunity Class program for academically gifted and talented students during Year 5 and Year 6.

 **What are opportunity classes?**

Opportunity classes located in 75 NSW government primary schools cater for Year 5 and Year 6 academically gifted and talented students. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students and using specialised teaching methods and educational materials at the appropriate level.

Parents apply when students are in Year 4. Successful students are then offered a place by the NSW Department of Education High Performance Unit and attend the opportunity class full time for two years in Years 5 and 6 at the primary school with an opportunity class. It is a two-year placement program. In the majority of cases, students who accept a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with an opportunity class. There is no provision to apply for Year 6 placement only.

**Key Dates**

 **Tuesday 30 April 2019** Application website opens

**Friday 17 May 2019** Application website closes at 5.00pm

 You must apply by the due date.

**Wednesday 17 July 2019** Test authority letters sent to applicants

**Wednesday 31 July 2019** Opportunity Class Placement Test

**Mid-October 2019** Placement outcome information is sent

**How to Apply**

**Applications must be filled out online** **at the following website:**

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

If you do not have internet access we are only to happy to help out here at school. Please contact Mr Kember to arrange a time to come in and help with internet access.

Hard copy information booklets are available on request from our school office.

**Some key facts about Opportunity class placement procedures**

* Wyong PS has two Opportunity Classes, a Year 5 group and a Year 6 group.
* Enrolments are decided by the NSW Department of Education, High Performance Unit**. Wyong PS does not decide who gets to come to the classes here.**
* The Opportunity Class Test will be held at regional centres, not at Wyong PS.
* Late applications do not get considered except in the most extreme of circumstances.
* The home current school of each applicant is asked to provide a ranking score in English and Maths.
* You may apply at any two of the schools with Opportunity Classes.
* The home school of each student applying is asked to provide an assessment score for both English and Maths.

The note on the following page is to tell your home school of your intention to apply for an opportunity Class placement.

**Filling in this note is not an application.**

**All applications must be completed online at the following website:**

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

**Students will not be allowed to sit the Opportunity Class placement tests unless the online application is completed and submitted before Friday 5.00pm May 17, 2019.**

Good luck to those all those students who choose to apply

 Mr Kember Mr Miladinovic

 Assisstant Principal - Stage 2 Principal