

RIVERSIDE

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR YEAR 7 2023 HIGH POTENTIAL & GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAM



APPLICATIONS OPEN: 3 MAY 2022
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 6 JUNE 2022

A link to register for the test will be available on the school's website, from the date shown above.



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SCHOOL PROFILE

Riverside Girls High School provides a rich, diverse learning environment for all girls to have their skills and capabilities identified, nurtured and developed. We have an 88-year history of providing quality learning opportunities that cater to the individual needs of all young people in our care, where all students may build on their academic, sporting, cultural, social and leadership potential. We offer a challenging, innovative curriculum, enhanced by a dynamic, student-centred co-curricula program that builds confident, independent, well-rounded young people.

The Riverside Girls High School High Potential and Gifted Education Program (HPGE) provides rigorous opportunities to extend all students through learning programs that promote individual and cross-curriculum learning, providing extension and multi-modal learning opportunities to fulfil curriculum learning outcomes through real world and high impact enrichment activities; including accelerated programs in Mathematics, Dance and Information Processes Technology; project-based learning activities, an annual school production, inter-school sporting competitions, links with universities and industry to create authentic career and goal planning activities, a bespoke STEM program to provide for multidisciplinary critical thinking and problem solving, as well as an entrepreneurship program to foster creative thinking and collaboration.

Leadership talent is enriched by creating links with female leaders in industry to provide exposure to diverse role models and embed a culture of active citizenship and student voice, driven by the principles of social conscience and “giving back”. The HPGE program provides enhanced opportunities for students to practise these skills in their learning and broader school involvement.

CRITERIA FOR PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS

Applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

Students must compete academically with other candidates for entry into the High Potential and Gifted Education Program. Academic merit is determined by:

- Academic placement test conducted by Academic Assessment Services
- Panel Interview where students present their most recent School Report and a portfolio of work samples.

Details of each are set out on the following pages.



ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST

Academic Assessment Services conducts this independent and secure test in English, Mathematics and General Ability. It is set at an advanced level of difficulty. Register for the test via the School's High Potential & Gifted Education Program Page.

PANEL INTERVIEW

Successful candidates will be invited to an interview with a panel consisting of the Principal, Deputy Principal and Year 7 Year Advisor. All students will need to present a portfolio and their most recent School Report.

STUDENT PORTFOLIO AND CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH

The Student Portfolio will present samples of work, including:

- A piece of creative writing.
- Documentation showing special talents, for example, artistic, technological, historical, musical, sporting, etc.
- Special awards that detail specific interest or abilities.
E.g. academic competitions, cultural achievements and leadership acknowledgement. The portfolio will be kept by the school for some time so **please do not include originals**. Following placement offers, portfolios will be available for collection.

NOTE

Following the Academic Placement Test, successful candidates will be called to interview, where they present their School Reports and Portfolio. Neither of these items will be required at the time of the Academic Placement Test.

RESIDENCE

- Students must be Australian citizens or entitled to study in Australia.
- Students from non-government primary schools may also apply.

TEST INFORMATION

The Riverside Girls High School High Potential and Gifted Education Program Placement Test will be conducted at the school on Saturday 18 June 2022.

The testing timetable is as follows:

- Start: 8:45am
- Recess: 10:30am
- Second session: 11:00am
- Finish: 12:30pm



The test is administered by an independent assessor to provide a secure test that will be unavailable for scrutiny before or after the test session.

Students are assessed in:

- Reasoning and problem solving,
- Mathematical achievement and reasoning,
- Reading comprehension,
- Written expression.



Each test is approximately 40 minutes in duration. Applicants should not expect to answer every question.

COST FOR APPLICANTS IS \$75

This cost is incurred by the school hiring an independent assessor who provides a written report on each student's results. A personalised student report will be delivered to parents, either during the interview process, or by mail, after the selection process is completed.

The fee is non-refundable and must be paid upon application.

(Register via the school's website from 3 May 2022. Applications close 6 June).



No confirmation letter will be sent. Receipt of payment confirms your place for the test.

ILLNESS AND MISADVENTURE

All students wishing to be selected must be present on the testing day. If a student is unable to take the test on the stated day, and the reasons are validated by such evidence as a Medical Certificate, she will be invited to take the test at a later date if the documents provided with the application are sufficiently supportive of her eligibility to take a place in the class. This decision will be made by the Selection Committee.

Should circumstances, such as sickness or an accident, prevent a student from taking the test or from doing her best, you should advise the school immediately. You must include a Medical Certificate if the candidate was sick.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

A Selection Committee for the school will meet to choose students using the “Criteria for Placement” listed on Page 3. The Selection Committee comprises three of the following: Principal, Deputy Principal, Year Advisor or a Head Teacher.

ENQUIRIES

Enquiries about courses or programs offered can be made by visiting the website: <https://riversideg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/learning-extension.html>. All other enquiries can be directed to the attention of the Front Office at Riverside Girls High School at the address or numbers listed in the footer of this package.

KEY DATES

Information Evening	Tuesday 3 May 2022 (6:00-7:00pm) – School Hall
Testing Date	Saturday 18 June 2022
Testing Time	8:45am – 12.30pm
Interviews	Monday 1 August – Friday 2 September, 2022
Notification to Parents	Week commencing Monday 10 October, 2022



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Best parking is available on Huntleys Point Road.



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