

# Punchbowl Boys' High School

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## Placement Test for the Year 7 Enrichment class 2025

The broad educational experiences of students at Punchbowl Boys' High School will result in the development of young men that are independent and responsible learners and leaders. The school is committed to recognising and catering to students' different learning styles.

Our enrichment class will address the needs of high potential and gifted students in our community who are currently in Year 6. The enrichment class will be supported through a specific curriculum designed to extend and challenge students. In 2025 entry to this class will be via an externally administered placement test designed to identify gifted and talented students and provide a baseline profile of student achievement.

The enrichment class at Punchbowl Boys High School is a school-based enrichment initiative and does not constitute entry to a government selective high school.

The Gifted Student Ability Measure (GSAM) placement test is an Australian designed assessment produced by Academic Assessment Services. It provides an independent and objective measure of student achievement towards the end of primary school. The test provides information on the strengths of students in the areas of Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Reasoning. Students will need to bring pencils and ruler for the exam (no calculators allowed).

The duration of the placement test is a 3 hour and 45 minutes assessment held in two sessions over one morning. The total test time includes directions and a recess break.

Reading Comprehension	Focus on interpretation, inference and syntheses.	55-60 questions
Written Expression	Narrative or Persuasive	250-300 words
Mathematics	A focus on problem solving	45-50 questions
Reasoning Ability	Verbal and nonverbal items	70 questions

The test will be held on Tuesday 7 of May 2024 in the hall at Punchbowl Boys' High School. The test begins at 9:15a.m. However, students are expected to assemble at the hall by 8:45 a.m. for registration and briefing. Parents can collect their children at 1:30 p.m.

Parents will be notified by the school of successful entry to the enrichment class once the reports have been received from the Academic Assessment Services.

Any parent that is interested in their son being part of this enrichment class for 2025 should complete the application form and return it to Punchbowl Boys High School by Friday 1 of March 2024.

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## Placement Test Application Form 2024

The entry test is available to any student in the Punchbowl enrolment area and currently in Year 6. Offers of placement in the 2025 enrichment class will be sent out to parents early in Term 2 2024. All costs associated with producing and marking of the entry test will be subsidised by the school. The testing process will cost \$40 per child.

### Student Information

Surname	<input type="text"/>
Given Name	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Current School	<input type="text"/>

### Parent / Caregiver Information

Parent / Caregiver	<input type="text"/>
Home Address	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number	<input type="text"/>

I wish my son to sit for the Enrichment Class test at Punchbowl Boys High School on Tuesday 7 May 2024. I understand that I am required to transport my son to and from Punchbowl Boys High School.

Parent/Carer Signature:

Please complete the above application form and return it to Punchbowl Boys High School by Friday 1 March 2024.

