The Northern Beaches Secondary College offers academic extension and gifted and talented classes for Year 7 students at four of our campuses:

- NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus (academic and talented classes)
- NBSC Cromer Campus (academic classes)
- NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus (academic and talented classes)
- NBSC Manly Campus (selective high school)

**YEAR 7 GIFTED & TALENTED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

**NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer and NBSC Mackellar Girls Campuses**

Placement in the Year 7 Academic classes at NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer and NBSC Mackellar Girls Campuses is based on supporting evidence of eligibility including the results achieved in the NBSC Academic Placement Test.

**ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST DATE:** Thursday 19th March 2015 at 9.00 am – 12.00pm

Application forms can be downloaded from: [www.nbsc.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.nbsc.schools.nsw.edu.au)

**APPLICATION CLOSING DATES (by 4.00 pm)**

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**TEST LOCATIONS:** Students are required to sit the test at the campus they wish to attend in 2016.

**TALENTED PROGRAMS**

**NBSC Mackellar Girls Campuses** (Athlete, Dance, Music and Visual Art)

**NBSC Balgowlah Boys** (Music)

Application forms can be downloaded from [www.nbsc.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.nbsc.schools.nsw.edu.au)

**SELECTIVE SCHOOL**

**NBSC Manly Campus**

Placement at NBSC Manly Campus is based on a student’s performance in the NSW Selective Schools Test. Application forms are available from your primary school or by phoning the NSW Department of Education and Communities, High Performance Unit.
The **Gifted and Talented Academic Program** provides high achieving Year 7 boys with a series of challenging and innovative project based learning opportunities which are designed to develop the deep, critical and creative thinking skills of each student by exposing them to a variety of practical learning experiences. Placement in this program is based on performance in the Year 5 NAPLAN test, performance in state-wide competitions, recommendations from the Year 6 teacher, performance in the NBSC Academic Placement Test and demonstrated commitment to achieving personal academic excellence.

NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus understands that students who are talented in music have special needs. This **Talented Music Program** extends educational opportunities in an all boys’ environment to boys who exhibit talent in music. It is the Campus’ aim to foster students with these specific talents.

Entry to the NBSC Balgowlah Boys Talented Music Program in Year 7 is by application with supporting documents. Students who are shortlisted for the program will be required to attend an audition.

Applications for both programs are available from the link below or by phoning 9949 4200.


Further information contact: Ms Sally Leaney (Gifted & Talented Coordinator) on 9949 6942 or visit the school’s website:
NBSC Cromer Campus

NBSC Cromer Campus offers an extension program in Years 7 and 8 followed by graded classes in all core courses for Years 9 and 10. The program aims to extend and challenge students in all courses with an emphasis on English, Mathematics and Science. Expectations are high in terms of the performance and quality of work delivered by students. There is a focus on the development of higher order thinking skills, problem solving and on the use of differentiated models of learning.

Placement in the Gifted and Talented Academic Program is based on performance in the Year 5 NAPLAN tests, performance in state-wide competitions, recommendations from Year 6 teachers, performance in the NBSC Academic Placement Test and demonstrated commitment to achieving personal academic excellence. All of these criteria are considered when a placement is offered. Review of individual student performance occurs at the end of Semesters 1 & 2 of each year and students may change classes as determined by their individual performance and application.

In the Mathematics Extension class students work at a faster pace and follow strands which require a deeper understanding of more sophisticated techniques, proofs and methods of solution. In English, the selection of texts is more challenging with an emphasis on higher order thinking skills and critical analysis. Students in Science research more complex concepts and in greater depth. Laboratory work and the use of technology underpin the development of a deeper knowledge and understanding of Science topics.

NBSC Cromer Campus allocates teachers to the Extension Classes who have the expertise to develop and challenge these students, expand their knowledge and inspire them to maximise their full potential.

Applications for the program is available from the link below or by phoning 9981 1155.

http://www.nbsccromer-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Further information contact:  Mrs Lynda Peters on 9981 1155
NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus will offer extension opportunities in five areas:

- Gifted and Talented Academic Extension classes
- Talented Artists Program
- Talented Athletes Program
- Talented Dancers Program
- Talented Musicians Program

Students can be accepted into more than one program.

**Gifted and Talented Academic Program**

At NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus we understand that students who are academically talented have special needs. These include the opportunity to work with other academically talented students in a challenging and thought-provoking environment of extension and enrichment and outstanding academic achievements.

Placement in this program is based on performance in the Year 5 NAPLAN test, performance in state-wide competitions, recommendations from the Year 6 teacher, performance in the NBSC Academic Placement Test and demonstrated commitment to achieving personal academic excellence.

**Talented Program for Athletes, Dancers, Musicians, Visual Artists**

These programs provide extension and enrichment for girls operating at an elite level in sports, dance, music and visual arts. Our highly successful talented programs also provide support to students to keep up their academic work while having heavy training or practice commitments.

Entry to the NBSC Mackellar Girls Talented Program in Year 7 is by application with supporting documents. Students who are shortlisted for the program will be required to attend an audition.

Entry to the NBSC Mackellar Girls Athlete, Dance, Music and Visual Art programs in Year 7 is by application with supporting documents. Students who are shortlisted for each program will be required to attend an interview (Athletes and Visual Artists) or an audition (Dancers and Musicians).

Applications for the program is available from the link below or by phoning 9949 2083


Further information contact: Lisa Parsons, G&T Coordinator, on 9949 2083
At NBSC Manly Campus all of our students are gifted and talented. Our teachers are all trained in specific strategies for the teaching of Gifted and Talented students. We use a range of teaching and learning strategies including acceleration, curriculum differentiation (Maker, Williams and Blooms curriculum models), extension, pre-testing, problem solving, working in teams in cross curriculum projects, public speaking, debating and many curricular enrichment activities. Our teaching and learning programs are outcomes based with clear expectations and support given for high achievement.

Our expectations of our students are high. We have three central goals: academic excellence, personal best and giving back to the community. The notion of personal best is a very important one when dealing with gifted and talented students. In a school of high achievers, it is important that students are focused on doing their personal best and not on comparing themselves with other students in the class. This notion is reflected in all aspects of the school life – academic, cultural, social and sporting. Our welfare network strongly supports our students in pursuing these three goals.

Leadership is an important strategy for helping our students make worthwhile contributions to the world around them. Our Student Representative Council gives students the opportunity to contribute to the school community in real and significant ways making them better citizens for the future.

Placement at NBSC Manly Campus is based on a student’s performance in the NSW Selective Schools Test.

Application forms are available from your primary school or by phoning the NSW Department of Education and Communities, High Performance Unit.

Further information contact: Ms Barbara Bannister on 9949 2083