Application Package for

2014 Gifted & Talented Program (Year 7)
Applications Open: 6 May, 2013
Applications Close: 7 June, 2013

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

PLEASE NOTE: Late applications will NOT be accepted.

Information Evening……Tuesday, 7 May, 2013 (5-6.30pm)

Testing Date………………Saturday, 22 June, 2013
Testing Time………………8:40am – 12.30pm

Interviews…………………..Monday 15 – Friday 26 July, 2013

Notification to Parents…Monday, 29 July, 2013
SCHOOL PROFILE

Randwick Boys' High School provides a safe and caring environment for your son to learn and grow, a place where he can develop his academic, sporting, social and cultural potential. By offering a diverse, challenging curriculum, well supported by a dedicated, professional staff, our students learn in a dynamic environment and become successful members of society.

Gifted and talented students are enriched by a variety of experiences in academic activities, sport, the arts and leadership. Participation in university challenges, a Sydney wide competitive boys’ school sporting zone and our annual school production with Randwick Girls' High School provide some of those experiences.

International and interstate excursions provide added richness to students learning experiences. Our location enables us to maximize opportunities for students to visit places relevant to their learning.

Students are encouraged to explore their creative talents through innovative programs in dance, such as the Pacific Islander Workshop program, through voice, with a combined choir drawn from the boys’ and girls’ schools and through performance in both drama and music.

An active leadership program is being developed with the Students’ Representative Council and the Student Leadership Team, comprising the school Captains, Prefects and SRC.

The school has a focus on positive behaviour for learning and in developing, in each student, the potential to achieve his best. Our students join us as boys, but they leave us as men. Our mission is guiding young men to success.

CRITERIA FOR PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS

Applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Academic Merit

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

   - The Academic Placement Test conducted by Academic Assessment Services.
   - Student School Report and NAPLAN results.
   - The provision of a portfolio of student 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 online via the School website. (available from 6 May, 2013)

School Progress Report and NAPLAN results

The most recent Student School Report and Year 5 (2012) NAPLAN Results provide a further set of evidence that establishes both student performance and application to learning.

Student Portfolio and Current Photograph

In addition to the above, the Student Learning 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. Portfolio will be kept by the school so PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ORIGINALS.

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.

2. RESIDENCE

- Students must be Australian citizens or holders of an appropriate visa.
- Students from non-government primary schools may also apply.

Family placement claim

Where students have equal results, the student with a family placement claim will be given priority. For most students this will have little effect on the outcome. Parents may make a family placement claim if a brother currently attends the school.
TEST INFORMATION

The Randwick Boys’ High School Gifted and Talented Placement Test will be conducted at the school on Saturday, 22 June, 2013.

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.

In general, academic research does not indicate that coaching or practice will significantly improve the results of students on ability tests.

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 $60

This cost is incurred by the school hiring an independent assessor who provides a written report on each student’s results.

THE FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND MUST BE PAID UPON APPLICATION. (Register here from 6 May, 2013).

NO CONFIRMATION LETTER WILL BE SENT. RECEIPT OF PAYMENT CONFIRMS YOUR PLACE FOR THE TEST.

A receipt/invoice is emailed to confirm your application.

Reports will be sent to parents when the selection process is completed.

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, he will be invited to take the test at a later date if the documents provided with the application are sufficiently supportive of his eligibility to take a place in the class. This decision will be made by the Selection Committee.
ILLNESS AND MISADVENTURE

Should circumstances, such as sickness or an accident, prevent a student from taking the test or from doing his best, you should advise the school immediately. You must include a Medical Certificate if the child 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 two of the following: Principal, Deputy Principal, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, Year Adviser, a Head Teacher and/or parent representative.

ENQUIRIES

Enquiries about courses or programs offered can be made by visiting the website http://www.randwickb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/. All other enquiries can be directed to the attention of the Gifted and Talented Coordinator at Randwick Boys' High School at the address or numbers listed in the footer of this package.