

TERM 1 WEEK 10

# BWPS WEEKLY NEWS

BANKSTOWN WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

## CANTEEN

As articulated on Dojo the canteen will be closed next Wednesday, 10th, Thursday, 11th and Friday, 12th April. Please ensure children have food and drinks with them on those dates.

## EID CELEBRATION

Please note the change in date to Friday, 3rd May (week one of term two).

Following consultation with the P&C we have moved the Eid Celebration to after the holidays to ensure maximum participation.

It will be a children's celebration and will include heritage dress/mufti, party food and craft activities. Lolly bags will be given out from the school with further information to be forthcoming.

## OPPORTUNITY CLASS

OC enrolments 2025 - Targeting Year 4 Students.

Parents considering applying for an opportunity class in 2025, need to be aware that applications opened on the 4th of April and close on the 20th of May 2024. All Year 4 parents were sent a Dojo message indicating this. Students will be considered for placement in an opportunity class on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test which will be taken on Thursday the 1st of August. For registration and/or more information on the Application process please see the attached brochures.

## P&C

Just a reminder for those people who are unable to attend P&C meetings, the minutes of each meeting is available from the school website.



NSW Department of Education

# Applying for my child to attend an opportunity class or selective high school

## Why selective education?

Grouping high potential and gifted students together and using special teaching methods supports their:


- academic development
- emotional wellbeing
- friendships and social life.


Students tell us that they enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.


Keep in mind, some children's high potential may be hidden. Being in an opportunity class or selective high school could help.

## Is it right for my child?

Here are some signs that your child may benefit from selective education.

Learns quickly and easily 

Asks Complex Questions 

Curious and Creative 

goal-driven 

good memory 

deeply explores passions 

# How can I support my child through the application process?



Talk to your child about the **benefits** and **challenges** of selective education and address their questions and concerns.



Ask your **child's teacher** (or other staff who know them well) whether they think selective education will suit your child.



Apply for any required **reasonable adjustments** for disability or medical conditions.



Encourage your child to use the department's **free resources** to prepare for the test.



Remind your child they only need to do a **small amount** of **preparation** for the placement test, and **don't** need coaching.



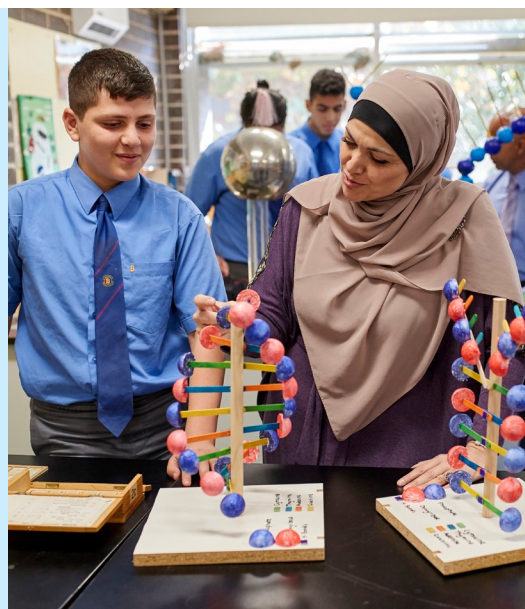
Support your child to continue **co-curricular activities**, see friends, eat healthily and sleep well in the lead-up to the test.

The **Equity Placement Model** reserves up to **20% of places** in opportunity classes and selective high schools for high potential and gifted:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability

Learn more: [edu.nsw.link/equity](https://edu.nsw.link/equity)

Resources in other languages:  
[edu.nsw.link/shsoc\\_languages](https://edu.nsw.link/shsoc_languages)



## Financial support

[edu.nsw.link/pubedu](https://edu.nsw.link/pubedu)

The [Public Education Foundation scholarships](#) offer financial support to help young people at NSW public schools to access opportunities and reach their potential.

*Please note there are no fees to apply and sit for the placement test, and there are no extra fees to enrol in a selective high school or opportunity class.*

## Get ready to apply

Learn more at our [website](#):



## Telephone interpreter service

If you need interpreter assistance to speak with your child's class teacher please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

# Submit your application in 5 easy steps

1

## Register to start your application

Parents and/or carers enter their own details to register (not their child's).



2

## Verify your email address

Go to your verification email. No email? Check your junk folder.



3

## Log in to start

Go to the application website and log in. Forgotten your password? Select **forgot password** to reset it.



4

## Complete the 8 sections

Answer all the application questions. You can save your application and come back to update it and complete the questions.

You can log in to your application dashboard and make changes after you have submitted the application.



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## Select 'submit' to finish your application

Check you have received the confirmation email and application dashboard message. You can return to the application dashboard to update details and documents, as well as send and receive messages.





# Features of the application dashboard

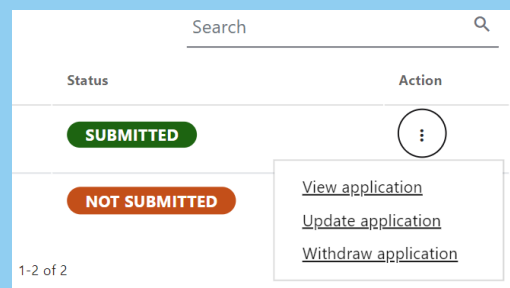
See the **status** of your application when you log in to the application dashboard. Use your unique application number when messaging with us.

Application number	Placement	Student	Alerts	Status
▼ S24000001	Selective high school	Bianca Lala		<b>SUBMITTED</b>

Your application can be easily **viewed**, **updated** or **withdrawn** at different stages of the process.

Use this feature to update your application details such as change of address.

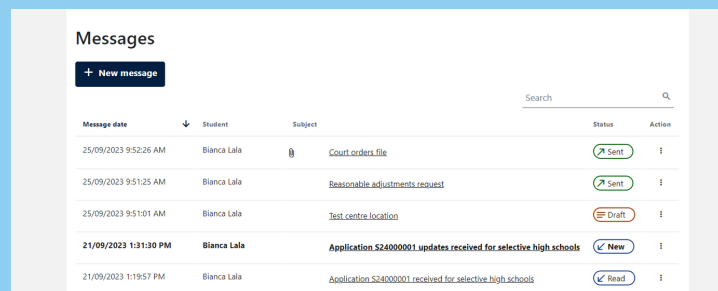
You can also use it to upload documents such as medical information and court orders.



For the quickest response to any questions, message the Selective Education Unit through the application dashboard.

Simply click **+New message** to get started.

Select the 3 dots in the **Action** column to respond to new messages.



## More help

For step-by-step instructions on submitting your application, refer to the: [Selective high school application user guide](#).

Phone: 1300 880 367

Email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au)

(If you are unable to message us through the application dashboard)

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Monday Assembly Winner



*Jane & Harris*



*Tevita & Eman*

*Attend*  
TODAY  
*Achieve*  
TOMORROW

## Attendance Initiative Rewards



## Best Class Attendance Wk 7 & 8

6 **F** & 2 **C**



# SUPER STAR STUDENTS! ★

Congratulations!

Wow!



*Jola in 1H*

*Maryam in KC*



*Dalal in 3/2F*

*Fafiya in 4B*



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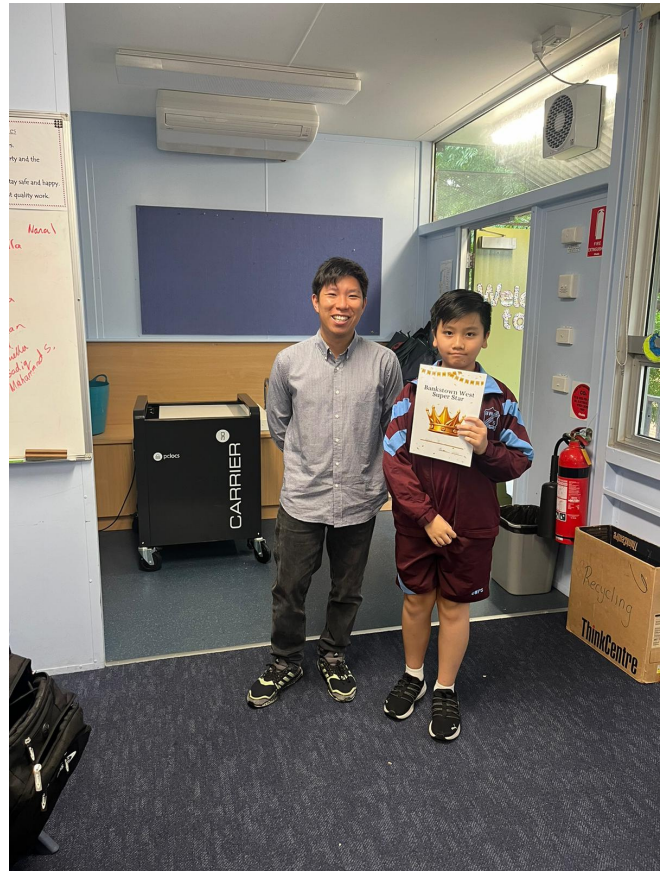


*Ali in 5KF*



*Angelique in 6D*

# Congratulations!



*Louis in 6F*





# TERM 1 CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10	1ST APR	2ND APR	3RD APR	4TH APR	5TH APR Basketball continues
11	8TH APR	9TH APR	10TH APR Expression of Interest for High School Forms due (Online)  Canteen Closed	11TH APR  Canteen Closed	12TH APR EiD children's celebration at school.  Last day of term one  Canteen Closed

# TERM 2 CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
TERM 2 WK 1	29TH APR  School Development Day (Pupil Free Day)	30TH APR  Children return to school	1ST MAY	2ND MAY	3RD MAY  EID Celebration
2	6TH MAY	7TH MAY  Got Game Begins - Continues every Tuesday of Term 2	8TH MAY  School Photos	9TH MAY  School Cross Country-8 year olds-year 6  Selective High School Test  Mothers' Day Wrapping in the Hall	10TH MAY  Mothers' Day Celebration & Stall  Winter PSSA Begins
3	13TH MAY	14TH MAY	15TH MAY  Kinder Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm	16TH MAY  Back up Cross Country Day	17TH MAY
4	20TH MAY OC Applications close (Yr 4 Students)	21ST MAY	22ND MAY  Bankstown District Cross Country	23RD MAY	24TH MAY

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WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5	27TH APR	28TH APR	29TH MAY	30TH MAY	31ST MAY
6	3RD JUNE	4TH JUNE Stage 1 Excursion - Sea Life	5TH JUNE	6TH JUNE	7TH JUNE
7	10TH JUNE	11TH JUNE	12TH JUNE	13TH JUNE	14TH JUNE
8	17TH JUNE	18TH JUNE	19TH JUNE	20TH JUNE	21ST JUNE