

Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) 2014 Extension Classes

A) General Achievement Test - Information and application Process -

Dear Parent/Caregiver and Year 6 student,

On Tuesday, 12th March the Peninsula Community of Schools has arranged a General Achievement Test to select students for placement in Extension Classes in 2014 at Barrenjoey HS, Pittwater HS and Narrabeen Sports HS. The test and placement offers are being organised through the Peninsula Community of School Office. Students are only eligible for placement in the Extension Class at their local designated PCS high school, according to their residential address.

In addition, each school may apply separate selection criteria for an additional class that will be based on a particular area of giftedness or talent – eg. Music or Performing Arts, or Creative and Performing Arts.

General Achievement Test

This is a two hour externally sourced test with a focus on English, Mathematics and Science. The test format is:

- Reading and Language (40 minutes) – 40 multiple choice questions from various stimulus material
- Mathematics (40 minutes) – 40 multiple choice questions
- Writing task (30 minutes) – 1 writing task

The test is externally marked. There will be a cost recovery charge of **\$40** to sit the test - this will cover the cost of test materials, administration, external marking and test supervision.

Location, date and time

The test centre will be at the Narrabeen Sports High (NSHS) assembly hall on Tuesday, 12th March at 9.15am sharp. Parents and caregivers are requested to have their son/daughter at NSHS by the designated time. The test will conclude at 11.30am and students should be collected immediately after the test.

School Selection Process

After the test results have been received, the Peninsula Community of Schools Office will make an offer of placement to the highest ranked students to the Extension Class at their local high school. A reserve list will also be established.

General Achievement Application Form

Applications must be received at Cromer Public School, Carcoola Rd Cromer 2099, no later than **Friday, 1st March 2013**. Payment needs to accompany the application form and can be either money order or cheque made out to Cromer Public School.

A confirmation letter will be sent out on the 4th March.

Admission into the test hall on the day of test

Only students registered (paper work received and payment) by the closing date will be allowed to undertake the test.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Smithies

Peninsula Community of Schools Coordinator

On behalf of the Principals of the Peninsula Community of Schools

Key Dates for entry to Year 7 Extension Class 2014

Application packages available in schools	15th February
Parent completes and returns application by	1 st March
Confirmation Letters mailed by	4 th March
Extension test date	12 th March



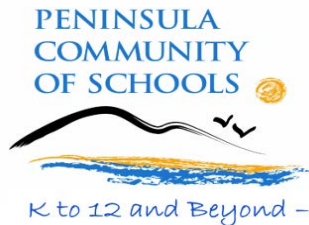
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Jane Ferris
Principal
Pittwater HS



Ian Bowsher
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Barrenjoey HS



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General Achievement Test Application Form

Test Date: 9.15am on Tuesday 12th March, 2013
at Narrabeen Sports HS assembly hall.

Current Primary School: _____

Local PCS High School: _____

Name of student (1): _____

Name of student (2): _____

Residential Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please forward this application to the
Peninsula Community of Schools
Cromer Public School
Caroola Rd
Cromer 2099
with Money Order (\$40) or Cheque made out to Cromer Public School
NO LATER THAN 1st March, 2013



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