

Why Killarney Heights  
High School?

*A selective experience  
in a safe and caring,  
coeducational,  
comprehensive setting.*

*“Big Enough to Matter -  
Small Enough to Care”*



## KILLARNEY HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION CLASS 2024 ENTRANCE TEST

- ♦ Tuesday, 4 April 2023
- ♦ 9am - 11.30am  
*(meet in outside the hall at 8.50am)*
- ♦ Tests in: Verbal  
Quantitative  
Non-Verbal
- ♦ Equipment needed - two HB or B pencils
  - an eraser
  - pencil sharpener
  - two blue or black pens

Please ring 9451 7005

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for details on how to register for the test  
by Friday 24 March 2023

EXTENSION

CLASS



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# KILLARNEY HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION CLASS

Killarney Heights High School established its Year 7 Extension Class in 1998 - testing took place in 1997.

## RATIONALE

1. To offer parents a highly academic alternative in a co-educational, comprehensive school context rather than travelling to a separate selective school.
2. To provide a strong impetus for high academic achievement in the middle years of schooling, to encourage high expectations and to extend opportunities for enrichment.

## PROCESS

- ♦ Annually Year 6 students in surrounding primary schools are invited to sit for Mathematical Reasoning and English Comprehension.
- ♦ Students are ranked; offers are made and a Reserve List established.
- ♦ The class list is amended/updated as family decisions are made regarding choice of school.

## THE PROGRAM

- ♦ The class usually stays together as a unit for the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, Music, Geography and PD/H/PE. For the subjects of Art, Technics and Languages, classes are mixed.

- ♦ Faculties have devised special programs for the extension class -

**English:** more sophisticated literature will be studied and there will be higher demands and greater expectations as students are encouraged to evaluate and analyse a variety of texts.

**Mathematics:** Extension within the existing syllabus structure, such as more problem solving activities and computer based learning and higher order thinking.

**Science:** Extension within the syllabus such as research into applications of science in the real world.

**Geography:** A chance to develop extra geographic skills, such as mapping, and climatic statistics rather than merely more content.

**If students are not offered a place in the X class, students may be considered for the other selective "S" class. To do this you need to complete an application form for the S class and provide Year 6 school reports and academic certificates in a portfolio.**

## EVALUATION

Evaluation has been ongoing and has included formal surveys and anecdotal evidence.

- ♦ From discussion with parents, teachers and students - 7X has been a great place to be - high achievement and a cooperative work ethic.
- ♦ The class gives teachers the opportunity to apply extension skills. Staff have been involved with a focus on differentiating the curriculum for academically talented students.
- ♦ Community response has been very strong.
- ♦ There has been very positive feedback, both formal and informal from students, parents and teachers.
- ♦ Each year we gain a number of students who decline Selective School offers to attend Killarney Heights High School.
- ♦ The number of candidates sitting for the test has grown steadily.
- ♦ Students have also performed at a much higher level in external exams and competitions.

