

SARAH REDFERN HIGH SCHOOL



Enrichment STEAM Application



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to inform you about the tremendous opportunity that exists for your child as a Year 7 student at Sarah Redfern High School in 2023 where they are eligible to apply for placement in the Enrichment STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) program.

Sarah Redfern High School is a school that is going places. Our school is at the forefront of educational change in Australia and has been recognised as a leader in education through receiving the NSW Director's Choice Award for Educational Leadership and Management, the Director General's Award for the Minto Community of Schools and the Secretary's Award for Outstanding School Initiative. In 2017 we were also named as one of the 40 most innovative, progressive and forward-thinking schools by Educator magazine.

Sarah Redfern High School has a staff of highly qualified and committed teachers who will enrich and challenge your child's education. Through their knowledge, expertise and experience, our teaching team will develop, in consultation with yourself, an Individual Education Plan that will be regularly reviewed to ensure your child continues to be supported in their learning.

At Sarah Redfern High School, we know the importance of providing doors of opportunity for our students, particularly our high achieving students. We have strong partnerships with a range of universities and businesses from both the public and private sector. Students also have access to a full range of extra-curricular programs which include: leadership and communication programs, academic challenges and competitions and an after school study centre.

We are pleased to offer a number of scholarships to support students in this class. Please see the application for more details.

We are proud to be able to provide this opportunity for our high achieving and gifted and talented students from our community and we look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Lyndy Clowry
Principal

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Why join our STEAM program

- Enjoy a brand new open learning space designed for flexibility, innovation and excellence.
- Benefit from teachers who are trained to meet the academic and well-being needs of high potential students.
- Enjoy bespoke extra curricular learning opportunities including STEAM excursions and guest presenters, STEAM immersion days.
- Express our individuality in personal interest projects culminating in a community open night.
- Benefit from individual student growth plan that tracks goals and aspirations from Year 7 to Year 12.
- Apply for one of our scholarships to support your participation in the program. Scholarship includes provision of a laptop to the value of \$1000 and subject fees for Year 7-12.

How do we apply for the Enrichment STEAM?

Parents and Carers who wish to enrol their child into the 2023 Year 7 Enrichment STEAM will need to submit a two-phase application process.

Phase 1: Submission of a **written application**, supported by supporting evidence Phase 2: Completion of an **In-school Suitability Assessment** session

- First round applications close on Wednesday 25 May, 2022.
- In-school sustainability assessment on Wednesday 15 June, 2022.
- Further applications may be accepted during a second round during Term 3, 2022.

What supporting evidence do we need?

In addition to the written application enclosed, families will need to provide the following when they submit their written application to the school:

- Year 5 Mid-Year Report
- Year 5 End of Year Report

What's an In-school Suitability Assessment session?

We believe that high potential and high achieving students are more than a test score so we've updated our process. We want your child to be comfortable and confident interacting with others; often this is when we see more potential than through a standardised test. We feel that it's vitally important for our teaching team to genuinely engage with learners to gauge their abilities, interest, capacity and strengths.

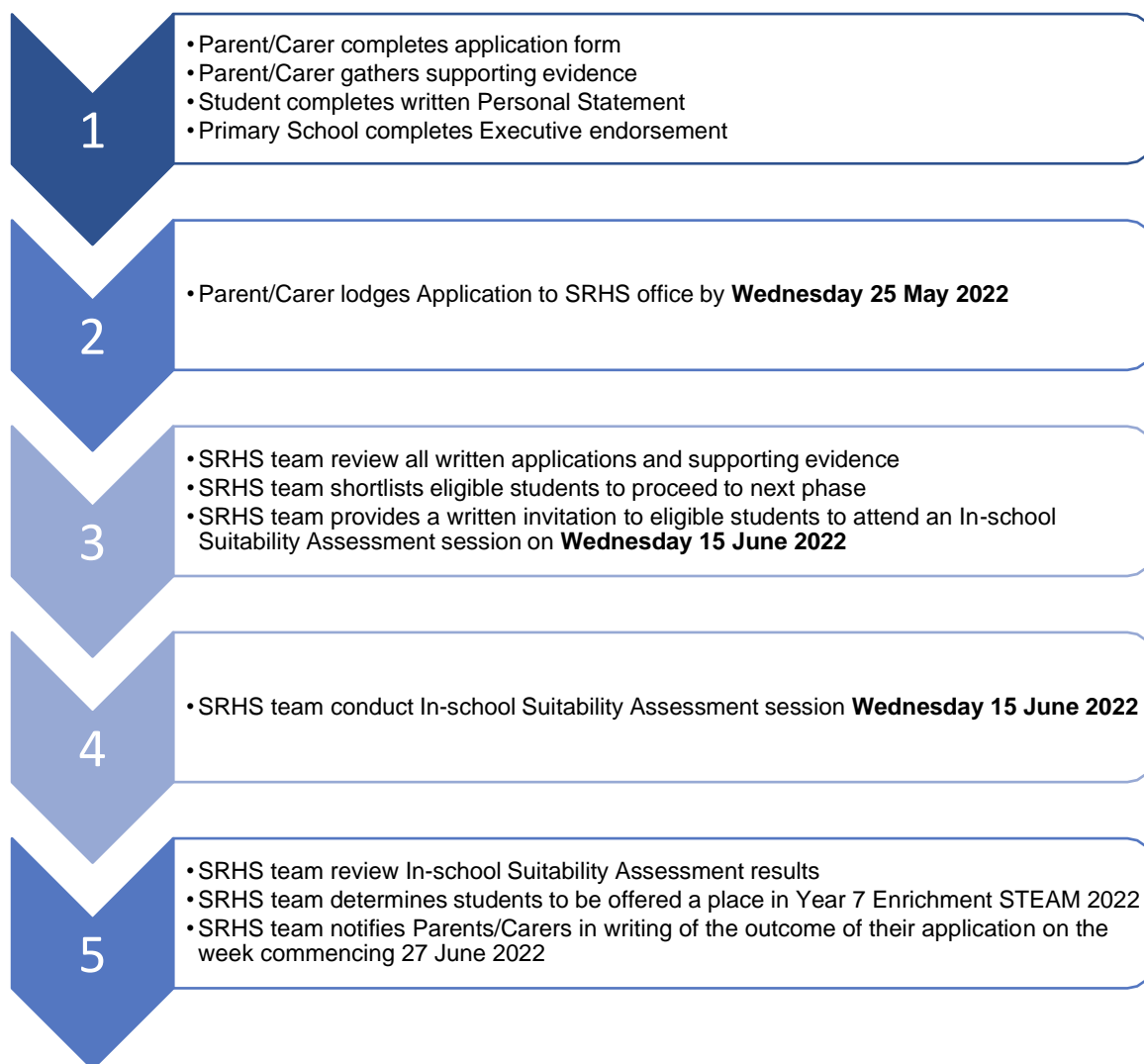
An In-school Suitability Assessment means that, based upon their written application and supporting evidence, eligible students will be invited to participate in a session at Sarah Redfern High School where they will undertake a range of activities with our specialist teachers. Students will sit a test that assesses their general ability. They will also undertake a number of activities where they will be observed as they demonstrate problem-solving, creative and critical thinking as well as being permitted to express their opinions and perspectives to peers and teachers.

Details about the scheduled day will be provided to families in writing; however, on the scheduled day, students will be required to wear their primary school uniform and bring their own food & drinks. They will need to arrive in the office by 9.00 am and be collected from the front office at 2.00 pm.

It is expected that families will be notified in writing about the outcome of the session within two weeks.

Application Process

The phases of the application process for the Year 7 Enrichment STEAM are detailed below:



Have more questions?

If you would like further information about the Selective Stream or the application process, we encourage you to make contact with our team at the front office via phone or email:

Phone: (02) 9820 1566

Email: Sarahredfe-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Application: Submit pages 7 – 12 along with supporting evidence**SARAH REDFERN HIGH SCHOOL – Year 7 Enrichment STEAM 2023***This page to be completed by Parent/Carer***Personal details**

Student _____
Given name Surname

Date of Birth / / ☐ Male ☐ Female

Parent details

Mother _____
Given name Surname

Father _____
Given name Surname

Contact details

Address _____
Number Street Suburb Postcode

Phone _____ Mobile _____
(Mother / Father)

School details

What Primary School are you currently attending? _____

How long have you attended this school? _____

☐ I give permission for my child's Primary School to be contacted.

Application Information

Why do you want your child to be considered for the Selective Class at Sarah Redfern High School?

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At Primary School

Have you received any Academic awards or prizes? *If so, please provide details.*

Have you participated in any Academic competitions or programs? *If so, please provide details.*

Have you participated in any Leadership programs or been recognised for Leadership? *If so, please provide details.*

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Have you participated in any Public Speaking, Debating or Volunteering programs? *If so, please provide details.*

Is there anything else which you think is important for us to know to support your application? *If so, please provide details.*

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Personal Statement

We would like to hear more about you!

Tell us about what inspires you; your hopes for the future; what excites you and also what challenges you. Tell us about what you feel strongly about and why it matters.

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Scholarship Application

Putting the Arts in STEM.

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics.

Why are the Arts (English and Humanities) an important part of STEM?

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Supporting Evidence

Please make sure that you have attached copies of the following with this application:

- *School report – Year 5 (mid year)* ☐
- *School report - Year 5 (end of year)* ☐

Student Name _____ Signature _____ Date / /

Parent Name _____ Signature _____ Date / /

In signing above you acknowledge and agree that:

- If your son / daughter is not able to attend the Selective Class tests that you will contact Sarah Redfern High School on 9820 1566 before the In-school Suitability Assessment session starts.
- You are responsible for bringing your son / daughter to, and picking them up from, the office of Sarah Redfern High School at the designated times.
- My son / daughter has health and / or safety concerns that you should be aware of:
- I acknowledge that my child's Primary School will be contacted for additional information of my application.

☐ No☐ Yes

If yes, please outline the item/s of concern and measures that can be implemented to safeguard your son / daughter's wellbeing

