



ERINA HIGH SCHOOL
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Year 7 2018
Learning Opportunities Class

The Learning Opportunities class caters for students who may require some additional support with their learning. It is a highly structured smaller class of up to 18 students. The number of teachers on the class has been reduced with one teacher delivering Maths, Science and PDHPE and one teacher delivering English, History and Geography. All other courses are delivered by specialist teachers as normal. This is to allow positive student teacher relationships to be fostered with individual student learning plans developed. Additional support staff and specialist learning teachers will be allocated to the class at varying times to provide further assistance.

There will be a strong focus on literacy and numeracy in the teaching programs with the aim to build confidence and skill development in these fundamental areas of learning. The class will have a home room for core subjects including English, Mathematics, History and Geography however Science, Technology, Art, Music and PDHPE will still operate out of specialised classrooms. The Head Teacher of Teaching and Learning, Mr Gordon Schoffl, will oversee the program and be responsible for the learning and welfare needs of all students in the class.

For many students starting High School there are often educational and social challenges that need additional support. The Learning Opportunities class is designed to provide adjusted curriculum in a strongly supportive learning environment that assists students with particular learning and social needs. In formulating the Learning Opportunities Class a number of factors are taken into consideration:

- Year 5 NAPLAN results;
- Advice from year 6 Primary Teachers;
- Primary Principal's recommendations; and
- Parent recommendation.

At the conclusion of the Semester 1 Assessment and Reporting cycle all class placements in Year 7 are reviewed to ensure each student is appropriately placed to challenge and support their learning. This will mean that some students may be moved from the Learning Opportunities class while others may be recommended for inclusion.

The criteria used to make these changes are determined by the following and made in consultation with parents:

- Improved levels of Literacy and Numeracy;
- Greater confidence in social settings;
- Application and attitude to learning;
- Completion of classroom and homework tasks; and
- Teacher recommendations.

The staff at Erina High School look forward to working with you and your child in 2017 to provide the very best educational opportunities we can to focus on personal best. If you are interested in finding out more about the Learning Opportunities Class and whether your child would meet the criteria, please complete the Expression Of Interest attachment and return it to Erina High School by Friday May 19 2017 so a learning support team meeting can be scheduled. Please contact me at Erina School on 43 677 246 if you would like to discuss any aspect of the Learning Opportunities Class in further detail.

Yours sincerely

Karen Nicol
Principal
January 27 2017

Erina High School
Expression of Interest Year 7 Learning Opportunities Class 2018

Student Name: _____

Parent name and Contact details: _____

Students Primary School : _____