

## ZENITH

Dear Parent/Carer of a Year 6 student,

Hastings Secondary College is currently planning the 2022 Zenith classes at each campus. The classes' purpose is to enhance and extend the learning experiences of gifted and high achieving students.

Students are offered a place in the Zenith classes based on the following:

- Academic ability and achievement
- Skills in literacy and numeracy
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to think critically and creatively
- Successful expression of interest from parents and caregivers
- Primary teacher nomination

If you would like your child to be considered for the Zenith class in 2022, please:

1. Complete and submit the attached application along with a copy of your child's Year 5 End of Year report
2. Complete the Hastings Secondary College Expression of Interest (EOI) Form.
3. Both forms must be submitted to Hastings Secondary College on or before **Friday 7th May**.

Students will study the core curriculum in common with their year cohort, however the curriculum is compacted and made more challenging to allow time for enrichment, extension, problem solving and critical thinking skills.

Zenith students will have opportunities to participate in a range of academic, cultural and sporting extra curricular activities to enhance their learning. These include choir, band, Tournament of Minds, debating, specific programs run in partnership with our local universities and leadership opportunities.

Students applying for placement in a Zenith class may also apply for a position in one of the Academies (Sport, STEM or Creative Industries) or a Personal Interest Project (PIP). Membership in an Academy or PIP will complement the Zenith program as they fit together as part of a weekly curriculum program.

Additional information about this class will be provided at the Hastings Secondary College Year 7 2022 Open Nights at both campuses or you may contact the Hastings Secondary College College Head Teacher, Michelle Garven via phone on 65831844 or 6583 6400 or via email at [michelle.garven1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:michelle.garven1@det.nsw.edu.au)



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## ZENITH CLASS 2022

### PARENT & CARER APPLICATION FORM

To be completed and returned to Hastings Secondary College attn: Michelle Garven

by **Friday 7 May 2021.**

The application process also includes a primary teacher/principal nomination.

Please attach a copy of your child's Year 5 2020 End of Year report with this application.

#### Student information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

School currently attending in Year 6 \_\_\_\_\_

#### Parent/Caregiver Contact Details

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (w) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (m) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Expression of Interest

I would like my child to be considered for inclusion in the Zenith classes at Hastings Secondary College and have provided information and comments about my child's achievements, abilities and skills overleaf to support this application.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the most appropriate box for the following characteristics

Characteristic	Most of the time	Often	Some of the time	Rarely
Recalls facts easily				
Expresses herself/himself fluently				
Asks reasons why – questions almost everything				
Has a keen sense of humour				
Puts unrelated ideas together in new and different ways				
Wants to know how things work				
Is impulsive – acts before thinking				
Has a great deal of curiosity				
Becomes bored easily				
Likes grown up things and to be with older people				
Is an avid reader				
Tends to dominate others if given the chance				
Is persistent. Sticks to task.				
Is an independent learner				
Has a great interest in the future and/or world problems				
Follows complex directions				
Enjoys complicated games				
Has a broad attention span, which allows concentration on and perseverance in problem solving and pursuit of interests				

What are your child's special hobbies or interests? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please make comments, where appropriate, on any of the following; outstanding accomplishments, special talents, relationships with others, preferred activities when alone, special needs, language/cultural background.

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