

Zenith Class

Dear Parent/Carer of a Year 6 student,

Hastings Secondary College is currently planning the 2024 Zenith classes at each campus. Zenith enhances and extends the learning experiences of high achieving students. Students are offered a place in the Zenith classes based on the following criteria:

- Academic ability and achievement (Year 5 and 6 reports)
- Skills in literacy and numeracy
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to think critically and creatively
- Primary teacher nomination
- Information from parents and caregivers on the expression of interest from.

If you would like your child to be considered for the Zenith class in 2024, please:

1. Complete and submit the attached application along with a copy of your child's Year 5 2022 End of Year report
2. Complete Expression of Interest (EOI) online for Hastings Secondary College via your child's primary school website.
3. Completed Zenith applications must be submitted to your child's school on or before **Thursday 6th April** or by email to our College Head Teacher, Michelle Garven.

Students will study the core curriculum 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.

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). Academy and PIP classes will complement the Zenith program as they fit together as part of a weekly timetable.

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.

Additional information about this class will be provided at the Hastings Secondary College **Year 7 2024 Open Nights**: Westport campus Tuesday 14th March and Port Macquarie campus Thursday 16th March or you may contact the Hastings Secondary College Head Teacher College, Michelle Garven via phone on 65831844 or 6583 6400 or email at michelle.garven1@det.nsw.edu.au

Regards



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Zenith Class 2024 Parent & Carer Application Form

Completed forms are submitted to your child's primary school by **Thursday 6th April 2023**.

You will also need to complete the **Hasting Secondary College Expression of Interest** online by this date.

The application process also includes a class teacher/principal recommendation.

Please attach a copy of your child's Year 5 2022 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? _____

Please make comments, where appropriate, on any of the following; outstanding accomplishments, special talents, relationships with others, preferred independent activities and preferred group activities, special needs, language/cultural background.

