



ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

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SUPPORTING TALENTED ATHLETES THROUGH EDUCATION

Invitation to participate in 2026 Year 7 Targeted Academic Program testing

Dear Parent/ Guardian

As you may be aware, Illawarra Sports High School has one Targeted Academic Program class in each year group (Year 7 to 10) – these classes are called our STRIVE classes where we expect students to strive to achieve their very best in all areas of their schooling. These classes participate in various extension activities including explicit instruction on study skills and thinking skills, debating and public speaking, creative and critical thinking workshops and whole day special interest workshops in creative writing, technology and mathematical reasoning.

Students will be selected for this class on the basis of:

- Student application for placement
- Online General Ability Test
- Primary Class Teacher Reference

If you are interested in your child being considered for this class, please complete and return the application form along with your child's last school report and NAPLAN report and Primary School Reference to Illawarra Sports High School by Friday 8th August, 2025.

Your son/daughter will be invited to participate in the AGAT (ACER General Ability Test) that will be conducted at their school if they attend Berkeley Public School, Berkeley West Public School or Farmborough Road Public School in Term 3 Weeks 4 and 5 to assess their suitability for the 2026 Year 7 STRIVE class. If they do not attend one of the above schools, they will be asked to attend Illawarra Sports High to sit the test on **Wednesday 13th August**. The test will assess student literacy, numeracy and analytical skills and will be used (in conjunction with primary teacher information and NAPLAN data) to decide on class placement. Students are not required to study for the test. **Please note that participation in the AGAT test does not guarantee a place in the STRIVE class.**

Kerrie Powell

Principal - Illawarra Sports High School

STRIVE CLASS APPLICATION FORM

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Primary School: _____ Class: _____

Parent/Carers Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

Brief List of Academic Achievements (Competitions, School Awards etc)

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Brief list of School Involvement (Leadership, Sport, Cultural, Creative and Performing Arts)

Brief list of Interest, Hobbies and Community Participation:

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER REFERENCE

Student Name: _____

Primary School: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Please place tick in appropriate boxes below:

	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
Literacy			
Spelling			
Reading/comprehension			
Grammar			
Numeracy			
Attendance			

Scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high)	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to cope with change					
Ability to relate to peers					
Participation/willingness to learn					
Participation/willingness in extra-curricular activities					
Positive behaviour in class					
Positive behaviour in playground					

Additional Comments (optional):

Signed by Teacher: _____

Date: _____