Year 7 2019

Information Technology – FAQ

How are students selected for the IT Selective Class?

Student are selected using a number of criteria:

→ Results from the online test, although this is not the only criteria we rely on given students do come from different and varied previous experiences.

→ Their previous and or future interests in IT subjects, courses and professions.

→ Medium to high Basic Skills Test results

→ Positive behaviour in past reports: Respectful and Responsible.

→ Student folio and any merit certificate reflecting any prior achievements (IT or other).

What should I include in my application to allow me the best chance of being accepted to the IT Class?

Having all the supported information as shown at the top of the first page of the application form will allow us to easily access your capabilities or interests in gaining entrance into the IT Selective Class.

What should be included in the Student Portfolio?

The student portfolio should be presented in a digital and/or written form. Example of information displayed: a short resume showing any previous IT certificates, IT experiences, courses or self-taught completed applications.

What should I study for the IT test day?

The IT test day will consist of eighty (80) online multiple choice questions plus a short written question response. Students should have already produced, along with their application form, their Student Portfolio. Those students eager to practice for multiple choice questions for the test should complete the online questions at the UNSW Computer Skills practice tests.

https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions

What will the students be studying in IT?

Our Information Technology Selective program allows our students to have access to industry standard state of the art technology and specialist teachers who extend their learning. We aim to provide our students with the skills, knowledge and the ability to achieve success in their future learning pathways. Our future focused program endeavours to produce students who are equipped with Future Focused learning skills such as collaboration, innovation, adaptability and leadership within the field of information technology.

The Selective IT Program for Year 7 and 8 can be found on the school's website page under the Selective Programs tab. This program is geared towards student interest, abilities and encompasses more complex tasks than mainstream classes.

Are IT Selective Students in the same class for all subjects?

Yes, in Year 7 and 8, all students stay in the respective classes except for TAS where they are split into different classes due to compulsory lower numbers in class.

Do other students that are not part of the IT Selective Class study IT at Wyong High School?

Yes, all students from Year 7 to 10 take part in IT classes as part of their curriculum but at a modified level compared to the IT classes. From Year 9 onwards, any student may also choose elective IT classes.

Do I have to be "in area" to be part of the IT Selective Stream?

We are an IT Selective School and therefore are able to take suitable applicants from any school throughout the Hunter/Central Coast.

BYOD - Is there a particular device that I should purchase for my child?

While most devices are compatible with our school network, we recommend Chromebooks. They will allow your child access to resources in all classes, are light to carry around and support the battery life required for a day without needing to be recharged. If your child has an existing device, then our BYOD policy applies. Please note the school can provide support for connecting to the internet but all hardware issues are not the responsibility of school.

Is my position in the IT Selective Class guaranteed? No, all positions may be reviewed based on a student's efforts, achievements and/or behaviours.