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Student Targeted Enrichment Program (STEP) Year 7 2025

Narara Valley High School will be offering a Student Targeted Enrichment Program (STEP) for Year 7, 2025 students as part of its commitment to the education of its Gifted and Talented students. STEP is taught as an enriched learning class over four years, Year 7 to 10, with the option of accelerated learning in Year 9 and Year 10.

With the initial GATS and Accelerated classes having graduated with outstanding results, our experience is now building on the research undertaken when first introducing this program to Narara Valley High School. Our ongoing evaluation of the program and analysis of data collected, supports the research that states that engaging with an enriched curriculum has long-term beneficial effects on the students involved. We can proudly refer to successful alumni who are currently engaging in academic, international and highly respected professional arenas.

This program is designed for academically advanced students who desire the challenge of working consistently at their ability level within the framework of a comprehensive high school. The class will be taught by specialist staff, and students are presented with opportunities to complete their secondary education in a unique and individualised environment according to their strengths and abilities.

We will hold a selection test at Narara Valley High School on **Thursday 16**th **of May 2024 between 9am to 12pm**. The selection process is subject to the DEC and school enrolment policy. Our overall aim is to provide a secure, peer-supported environment with specialised teaching, programming and curriculum that will allow all selected students to progress at their true ability level.

It would be appreciated if the application form is submitted online or returned as a hard copy to Narara Valley High School front office by **Monday 13th of May 2024** to ensure that there are sufficient tests on the day. Students are required to bring recess, water bottle, black pen, lead pencil and eraser.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the school office on 4329 3780 or via email to nararavaly-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

An application from is attached for your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Britt Head Teacher Teaching and Learning michael.britt@det.nsw.edu.au



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APPLICATION FORM Year 7, 2024 STEP Class Placement

| Student's Name: | | Date of Birth: | / | / |
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| Parent Name (s): | | | | |
| Address: | | | | |
| Phone Number: | | | | |
| Email Address: | | | | |
| Primary School Attended: | | | | |
| Signed by Parent/ Guardian: | | | | |
| Siblings attending Narara Valley High School: | | | | |
| Signed by Parent/ Guardian: | | | | |
| Date: | | | | |



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| Summary of academic achievement at primary school: | | | | |
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| Interests and hobbies: | | | | |
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| /We would like our student to sit for the selection test for placement in the Narara Valley High School STEP class for Gifted and Talented students. The test will take place at Narara Valley High School between 9:00am and 12:00pm on Thursday, 16 May 2024. Applications close Monday, 13 th May 2024. |
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