



## **Year 7 Enrichment Class Program 2018**

Students in Year 6, 2017 will be able to apply for one of two Enrichment classes for Year 7, 2018: The STEM class and/or The Arts class.

We are introducing a second class in response to the diverse learning needs and interests of our school community.

The two enrichment classes will follow the same curriculum pattern as all students in Year 7. Each will have a unique focus which will build on students' strengths and talents.

### **The Application Process**

Submit an application directly to Bulli H.S. By Friday 10th March 2017



Sit the Placement Test at Bulli H.S. and submit the portfolio on the day of the test  
Thursday 16th March 2017



Attend a Parent/Student interview at Bulli H.S.



Bulli H.S. will contact the primary school regarding the application.



You will be notified by Bulli H.S. regarding the outcome of your application

The cost of the Placement test is \$30 which covers materials, marking and reporting.

Application forms are available from the Bulli High School Office,

Bulli High School Website - [www.bulli-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.bulli-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

and all member schools of our local Seacliff Community of Schools.

Please contact Bulli High School if further information is required - 42848266



The Arts class aims to enrich students' creative and critical thinking and problem solving skills so as to extend their talents, skills and perspectives of the world.

An Arts education is closely linked to almost everything that we say we want for our children and demand from our schools: academic achievement, social and emotional development, civic engagement, and equitable opportunity.

Involvement in the arts is associated with gains in maths, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skill. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork.

Through providing a rich program of study, The Arts class will focus on and develop the gifts, talents and passion for learning that the students will bring to the class.

**Students will participate in the same curriculum presented to all Year 7 students however, The Arts class will have enriched, focus experiences in:**

The Creative and Performing Arts – Visual Arts, Music, Drama,  
English—Creative writing, Poetry,  
H.S.I.E.— History and Geography

*“Arts education aids students in skills needed in the workplace: flexibility, the ability to solve problems and communicate, the ability to learn new skills, to be creative and innovative, and to strive for excellence.”*

– Joseph M. Calahan, Director of Cooperate Communications, Xerox Corporation



STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. STEM is important because it pervades every part of our lives. Science is everywhere in the world around us. Technology is continuously expanding into every aspect of our lives. Engineering is an example of the application of Maths, Science and Technology. Mathematics is in every occupation, every activity we do in our lives. STEM integrates multiple disciplines to provide opportunities to see how concepts relate to life. It is not a stand alone subject, rather a group of subjects that work together. STEM activities provide hands-on and minds-on lessons for the student.

**Students will participate in the same curriculum presented to all year 7 students however, The STEM class will have enriched, focus experiences in:**

Mathematics, Technology and Applied Science (TAS) and Science

Students applying for this class will need to have a passion and motivation for learning and developing their skills and interests through any of the S.T.E.M. areas.

# PORTFOLIO

An important aspect of the application process is the portfolio. This is the opportunity for the student to present a collection of works or documents that are representative of their skills and interests.

## **How do I present my portfolio?**

Your portfolio must be presented in an A4 display folder with your name and primary school clearly labelled on the front. All work must be hard copy. Please do not submit a USB.

## **What must I include in my portfolio?**

Your portfolio must include:

- ◇ A front page with your name, address and primary school
- ◇ NAPLAN results
- ◇ School reports
- ◇ A maximum one page letter outlining why you are applying for inclusion in The Arts and / or STEM class. This must be in the students own handwriting.

## **What else can I include?**

Your portfolio needs to reflect your strengths, skills, talents and interests that will provide us with a snapshot of you in support of your application.

Things to consider for inclusion are:

- ◆ Certificates of achievement from school, academic competitions, extra curricula activities, clubs, sporting achievements
- ◆ Work samples that reflect your interests and skills in The Arts or STEM
- ◆ Artworks—drawings, photography, painting, sculpture (or photographs of them)
- ◆ Any other relevant examples of your strengths and abilities.