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Opportunity Class Placement Test Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

To comply with the latest advice from <u>NSW Health</u> to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmissions, the annual Opportunity Class Placement Test will now take place at the student's own school rather than in examination centres which bring students from across settings and sectors together.

To allow this change to be made, the test date is now <u>18th November 2020</u>.

The department acknowledges the challenges faced by students during the pandemic response. The safety of students and staff is of paramount importance.

Marking of tests and student placements will continue to be managed by the High Performing Students Team.

Only students whose parents have received a confirmation email from the High Performing Students Team are eligible to sit the test on the new date of 18th November. The application portal will not be re-opened for new applications.

Placement in an opportunity class will be based solely on the results of the test to ensure the fair and consistent assessment of students across all schools and regions of NSW. Principals will not be required to provide school assessment scores, but are requested to verify the information entered by parents.

Further details on how this process will be managed will be announced as soon as they are confirmed. We encourage you to continue to monitor the <u>department's</u> <u>website</u> for the latest information relating to high potential students.

Yours sincerely,

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