Wyong High School

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Year 7 2021 - IT Selective Class

To Whom It May Concern,

Applications are once again open for Year 6 students to apply for Wyong High School's 2021 Year 7 Selective Information Technology Class. Please forward the completed applications to Wyong High School by email: wyong-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au, mail, fax or alternatively hand into the front office.

Enclosed you will find the following:
- Information sheet for students / parents
- Application form for students wishing to apply for the IT Selective class

To proceed with this application Wyong High School requires the parent/guardian and student to also provide the following documents:

- Year 5 NAPLAN Report
- Last school report received
- High level academic, IT or sporting achievements
- A Creative Portfolio – Paper or USB showcasing examples of any prior IT knowledge. For example, but not limited to: IT Certificates, IT courses completed – examples of PowerPoints created, course or classwork in IT applications such as animation, game or digital design).
- Birth certificate
- Proof of residential address

The following dates should be noted for interested students and parents:

- Year 7 2021 Information Evening - Tuesday 3rd March 2020, 4.30pm
- Closing date for student entry application forms: Wednesday 25th March 2020
- Year 6 IT Taster Day – Wednesday 18th March 2020
- Entrance examination for the Selective Information Technology Class: Wednesday 1st April 2020, from 1.30pm to 3.00pm
- Parents / students will be notified of placement end Term 2, 2020.

After consulting with the Wyong AECG we are pleased to offer position/s to suitable applicants from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background. We encourage these students to apply.

Yours faithfully,

Rodney Hill
Principal
Wyong High School

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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 a series of 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 by visiting: https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/hub/educational-assessments/reach-and-icas-assessments-digital-technologies-sample-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 schools 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?

Due to the amount of technology in the school it is not a requirement to have your own laptop, however it would be recommended. While most devices are compatible with our school network, we recommend Chromebooks or laptops. 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. Please see Elizabeth Ebrill for more information.

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.

Year 7 2021
Information Technology

The information technology faculty is a dynamic faculty that has school-wide responsibilities for the implementation of cutting edge Information Technology programs and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), Teaching and Educational Standards designed courses. The Information Technology faculty offers a range of subjects that are both Category A subjects and VET courses.

Subjects offered include:

Selective Information Technology
(Year 7 and 8)

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3D Technology & Game Design
(Year 9)

Enter the world of game development by learning to use industry standard tools through collaborative project-based learning. Using the same technologies the professionals use such as Autodesk, Adobe and Unity, students will learn problem-solving skills while creating their own video games.

Film Making & Animation
(Year 9)

Students will work collaboratively on projects learning to write, direct, shoot and edit their own movies using a variety of digital technologies. This course aims to develop students' creative and technical skills behind the camera and at the editing station whilst investigating a range of concepts to encourage students to develop meaningful and engaging projects.

Motion Graphics & Multimedia
(Year 10)

As an introduction into senior Multimedia, students will learn to use industry standard applications to produce digital illustrations, animations, 3D models and other types of media. Through problem-solving and project-based learning this will students to develop skills that are transferrable to industry based careers.

Information, Digital Media and Technology
(Year 10, 11 and 12)

Courses within the Information Technology Curriculum Framework provide an opportunity for students to gain a Certificate III in Information and Digital Media as part of their HSC. These nationally recognised AQF VET qualifications articulate into higher level qualifications in ITC which students may pursue post-school. This course runs as part of the Wyong High School P-TECH industry partnership.

Industrial Technology Multimedia
(Year 11 and 12)

This senior subject has been developed to incorporate content related to current and developing trends within the Multimedia industry. It offers students the opportunity to study the link between industry, technology and materials to develop skills through the process of designing, planning and producing a Major Project.

HOW TO APPLY   To apply for the Selective IT class at Wyong High School complete the following steps:

1. Download the application form from the school website or call the office to arrange one to be sent or emailed on

   Website: www.wyong-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
   Online: https://goo.gl/CJwfg7
   Phone: 02 4353 1088

2. Complete the application form before

   Wednesday, 25th March 2020

3. Return your application to:
   Wyong High School
   PO Box 406
   Wyong NSW 2259

4. Students will then be shortlisted and offered to sit the IT Selective Exam that will be held in the ICT Centre on ***Wednesday, 1st April 2020***

5. Students will then be mailed their results and notified if they have been successful for the 2020 Information Technology Selective Class end Term 2, 2020.

6. Students positions in the Information Technology can be removed if they are not performing to their potential.

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Achieving Success for Respectful, Responsible Learners

Wyong High School
Selective Information Technology Program
Application Form

Please return completed application to the office at Wyong High School with your child's ☐ Birth Certificate ☐ Proof of Residency ☐ High Level academic, IT or sporting achievements ☐ Yr. 5 NAPLAN results ☐ Current School Report ☐ Student Creative Portfolio	

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Wednesday, 25th March 2020

TEST DAY: Wednesday, 1st April 2020 at 1:30pm, Wyong High School IT Centre

PRIORITY FOR PLACEMENT: IT - 1☐ 2☐ or AVID -1 ☐ 2☐ (please tick boxes if applying for both)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Surname:				
First Name:				
Date of Birth:		Gender:	☐ Male	☐ Female
Parent/Carer Names:				
Residential Address:				
Telephone Numbers:	Home:	Work:	Mobile:	
Email Address:				
Current School:				

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Is your child an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident	☐ Yes	☐ No
Is your child Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Is a language other than English spoken at home?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Does your child have a physical or sensory disability?	☐ Yes	☐ No
If yes, please explain:		
Does your child have learning difficulties?	☐ Yes	☐ No
If yes, please explain:		

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has a responsibility to assess and manage any risk of harm to its staff and students.

To your knowledge, is there anything in your child's history or circumstances (including medical history) which might pose a risk of any type to the student, other students or staff at Wyong High School?	☐ Yes	☐ No
If yes, please explain:		
Does your child have a history of violent behaviour?	☐Yes	☐No
If yes, please explain:		
Has your child ever been suspended or expelled from any previous school?	☐Yes	☐No
If yes, please explain the reasons why:		

DECLARATION OF ACCURACY

I declare that the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate and complete. I recognise if any of the above statements prove to be incorrect, your application may be terminated.

Parent Name:	Signature:	Date:

◆Respect   ◆Responsibility   ◆Learning