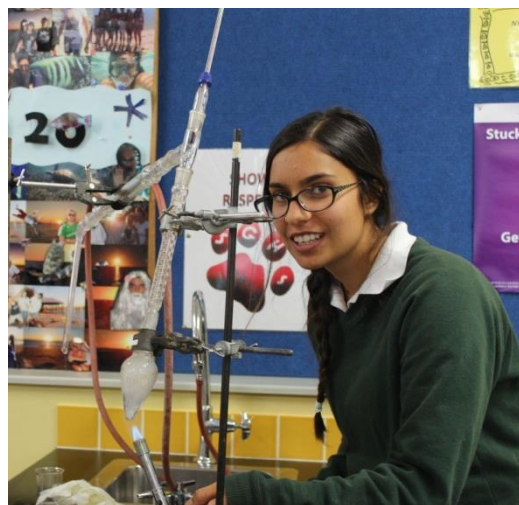




Gifted and Talented at South Grafton High School



South Grafton High School students have a proud history of high achievement. Our top performers have gone on to study Medicine, Law, Engineering and other prestigious subjects at the top Australian universities on the basis of their excellent HSC results. South Grafton High School has for many years successfully prepared students for the most challenging and highly regarded courses such as English Extension 2, Mathematics Extension 2 and History Extension.



In 2016 South Grafton High School students achieved 17 Band 6 results, the highest grade that can be awarded in the HSC. The names of our many students who have achieved outstanding awards can be seen on the honours boards in the school hall. We hope that in seven years' time the name of your son or daughter will also appear on those boards as one of the highest achievers in SGHS and also in the state.

Achieving top grades in the HSC is dependent not only on hard work and ability, but also on excellent teaching and opportunity. We believe that at South Grafton High School we give our students the best opportunities to excel academically and socially. If your son or daughter is ambitious and aspires to achieve their best then this is a possible path they could take through South Grafton High School.

Year 5 and 6 The Clarence Science Initiative (CSI)

The CSI program has been running for 11 years and has inspired a succession of students to interest and achievement in Science. Students who attend the CSI program have the opportunity to get to know the staff and facilities of South Grafton High School and are well placed to achieve a place in the Platinum class when they join year 7.

The Platinum Class.

The Platinum class is a further evolution of our highly successful Self Select program. Students who are successful in their application to join the Platinum class will initially be placed in a class composed of others who have shown excellent achievement in their junior school and have additionally committed themselves to working hard and showing the best attitudes to study.

Entry to the Platinum class is based on three criteria:

- The student's commitment to working hard.
- Recommendation by the Principal of their year 6 school.
- Performance in an aptitude test.

Each year we receive more applications than there are places in the Platinum class so SGHS will use the results of the aptitude test to distinguish between applicants who have been placed equally on their study commitment and recommendations from their present school. Those who are unsuccessful in their application are placed on a waiting list to join the class when a place becomes available.

Placement in the Platinum class is subject to regular review. Students who do not show the academic rigor expected will be replaced by those on the waiting list to join the class.

The Platinum program covers all subjects other than Mathematics. Mathematics runs a separate assessment test to select students for the A course which is used to prepare students for the HSC Mathematics Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 2 courses.

Please fill in a declaration of interest form if you would like to be sent an application form for the Platinum class.

Platinum 2019 - 2021

Following on from the Platinum program in year 7, your son or daughter may wish to continue in the Platinum class in 2019 as they start year 8. Most students in the year 8 Platinum class will be those that have successfully completed year 7 in the Platinum program, however; we expect there will be others who have shown the personal qualities that are prized in the Platinum program and will be given a place in the class. Those that do not continue to fulfill the criteria will be given a place in a class that better suits their needs.



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Throughout their years at South Grafton High School your son or daughter will be given numerous opportunities to engage with the best across the state in all areas of academic and practical studies, sport and social development.

Opportunities for Gifted and Talented students at SGHS this year have included the Maths Olympiad, Tournament of the Minds, chess, interschool titration competition, early entry to the Hospitality HSC, participation in local area and state sport and representing the student body on the School Representative Council.

HSC 2022 -2023

By now your son or daughter will have benefited from four years of our best teaching and will be well placed to choose from our wide range of HSC courses. We would hope that your son or daughter will have made the most of all that SGHS has to offer and will have developed into a happy, well rounded and socially confident individual. Whilst many year 11 students are still deciding their future career path, we hope that your son or daughter will take full advantage of our highly knowledgeable careers staff as



they choose the courses that will offer the best opportunities to study the subject of their choice at university.

Our record of academic success at South Grafton High School proves that we have high quality teachers that are skilled in successfully guiding the most talented students to achieve their potential.

There are many factors that lead to success including talent, opportunity, direction, social support, determination and hard work. If you choose South Grafton High School you can be assured you will have given your son or daughter access to some of the best opportunities for success.

To apply

- 1) Fill in the application form on the next few pages and send it to South Grafton High School.
- 2) When we receive a completed application form, the Principal of your child's present school will be asked for a recommendation.
- 3) The aptitude test will be held in Term 3. The date will be determined in consultation with your child's existing school.
- 4) Parents will be informed of the outcome of the application at the start of term 4.



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Nomination For The Platinum Class

To gain entry into the Self Select class in Year 7 students need to complete an application package that includes:

- Latest NAPLAN results
- Latest School Report
- Completed nomination form

To be nominated for the 2018 Year 7 Platinum class your child needs to return their completed application package to South Grafton High School before Friday 26th May 2017. This is an administrative deadline so we may be able to accept applications after this date if places remain in the class.

A panel will review each application and successful students accepted into the Platinum Class will be notified in writing.

Students should understand that to maintain their placement in the Platinum class their attitude to class work, discipline, homework and teamwork is to be exemplary with positions to be reviewed at the end of Term 1.

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Nomination Form for Platinum Class

For Year 7 -2018

PLEASE return completed package to South Grafton High School office

before Friday 26th May 2017.

Name of applicant (Student):

Date of Birth:Email Address:.....

Current primary school:

Parents/guardians names.....

Current mailing address.....

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To be completed by the applicant (Student)

Tick the qualities that best describe you:

	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Usually</i>	<i>Always</i>
I am interested in school.	()	()	()
If I am unsure of something I will search it or ask someone.	()	()	()
I try to do my personal best in everything I do.	()	()	()
I complete work without reminders.	()	()	()
I show respect to my peers and others.	()	()	()
I cooperate when working in a group.	()	()	()
I think about safety before I act.	()	()	()
I am not afraid to attempt tasks that are unfamiliar.	()	()	()

Name an experience that you recently enjoyed at school and outline **why** you enjoyed it:

10. I would be suitable for this class because

11. What do you hope to gain from being in a Self-select class?

To be completed by Parent/Guardian.

Describe the applicant's attitude towards learning.

How do you think your child may benefit from being part of a Self-Select group

** Please attach NAPLAN results and SCHOOL REPORT.*