

## **AUDITION and SELECTION PROCEDURES at Neutral Bay Public School**



All students are entitled to try out for a group which requires a selection or an audition to join. This can include auditions and trials for dance, choir, Glee Club, music groups, sport groups, debating, public speaking, chess, concerts, drama, science activities, media teams, library, band, orchestra, swimming, athletics, cross country, principal roles in a performance, band camps, music camps and debating camps.

### **PREPARING YOUR CHILD**

At a large school like Neutral Bay Public School, we often have had large numbers of children auditioning for various groups and the standard is exceptionally high. Unfortunately some children will be disappointed if they are not selected. Please encourage your child to have a go if they are interested, but please also talk to your child about the possibility of missing out on a place.

### **ADDITIONAL SELECTIONS FROM A SCHOOL GROUP**

At times, the school is given the opportunity to participate in events that are unable to take the whole school group. This may require further selections from a school group that is already formed. Numbers of participants may be limited by organisers of an event and this may allow our school to participate with only a limited number of places. Organisers of events usually do this for Work Health and Safety reasons. This often occurs in music groups (eg. choir and dance for the Schools Spectacular) and sport groups (eg. knockout competitions for soccer and netball). In these cases, priority for selection is given to those students who are already in the school group of that discipline. In addition, to already being in the school group, priority will be given to those students who attend regularly, have shown commitment to attending rehearsals, have shown commitment to the required learning, have demonstrated team work, have shown commitment to attending all performances and have no recorded misbehaviour. A student who is not in a school group of that discipline may seek selection, but will not be given priority over students who are already in that school group. It is an expectation that children who wish to be considered for selection in specialist groups are already participating in the school group of that discipline.

### **PROCEDURES FOR AUDITIONS AND SELECTIONS**

All selections and auditions require at least two staff members. Due to teaching and learning priorities, only one trial or audition can be guaranteed.

All students are entitled to try out for a selected or specialist group. Priority will be given to those students who are already representing the school in that discipline.

Most auditions and selection trials are held once only. If a student is absent, they will not be selected unless evidence of extenuating circumstances is provided.

Participation or selection in a team outside of school is not taken into consideration.

Participation in the group in previous years is not taken into consideration.

Friendships are not taken into consideration.

Where there are two students of the same or similar skill level, priority goes to the student in the older grade as they may not have the opportunity to participate in future years.

Parents who are welcome to discuss their concerns regarding a selection decision by meeting with the Deputy Principals or Principal. Please send an email to [neutralbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:neutralbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)