

YEAR 8 ACADEMIC CLASS – 2026 APPLICATIONS

Wadalba Community School is committed to providing opportunities for students to excel and be challenged in their learning. The Year 8 Academic Class offers a pathway for motivated and curious learners who are ready to take on additional academic challenges and extend their learning.

Please note that all students wishing to be considered for the 2026 Year 8 Academic Class must apply, including those currently enrolled in the Year 7 Academic Class. While current Year 7 Academic Class students will be in a strong position to apply, placement in Year 8 is not guaranteed.

Application Process

1. Written Application – Due Tuesday 14th October 2025 (Term 4, Week 1)

- Students are required to handwrite responses to four application questions.
- Applications must be submitted to Deputy Principal Beecroft (Year 7 2025) no later than 2:30pm on the due date.

2. Selection Panel Review and Shortlisting

Applications will be considered by a selection panel in Week 1, Term 4. The panel will review:

- Quality of the written application
- Year 7 academic reports
- Recent PAT testing data
- Teacher recommendations
- Attendance and behavioural data

3. Selective Test

- Shortlisted students will be notified by Friday 17th October 2025.
- These students will be required to sit the ACER HAST (High Ability Selection Test) on Tuesday 21st October 2025.
- The test consists of three sections and takes approximately three school periods, with breaks provided between sections.
- Please note: the test must be completed on this date for your child to be considered.

4. Class Placement Offers

- Following the successful applicants will be notified of their placement in the Year 8 Academic Class for 2026 after Friday 7th November 2025.

Should students not currently enrolled at WCS wish to apply, they are encouraged to contact the Front Office to schedule a call with the Deputy Principal responsible for High Potential and Gifted Education.