

Q: Why can't each year group be in their own class?

A: The number of students in each year is different – so some classes will be larger than others. *Rather than have a Yr 3 class of 36 & a Yr 4 class of 20 - we make 2 even 3/4 classes of 28.*

Q: What are some benefits of stage classes?

A: They help develop confidence, independence and problem solving skills. It also builds cooperative skills; communication & resilience – all needed for life in the 21st century!

Q: Why are there stage classes at this school?

A: At Granville East PS, we believe the **academic & social** learning of students is enhanced by composite or stage classes. We treat *every student as an individual*. Our **teachers** are **skilled** at engaging students in goal setting, self-monitoring, deep authentic learning, problem-solving and using a growth mindset.

Q: My child is in the higher year group in their class. Will they do easy work all year?

A: No. All children progress at different rates – not magically by their age. Your child's learning needs will be **well catered for**. What gets taught is based on the curriculum and the individual needs of your child.

Q: Will my child learn what they need to know for their year group?

A: Yes. In NSW, the curriculum (what is taught) is organised into **stages** rather than by year. Each stage takes 2 years to complete.

A: No. Students will be engaged in work that is **at their level** and designed to progress their individual literacy & numeracy skills. Students will also be grouped in class at their level.

Q: My child is in the lower year group in their class. Will the work be too hard for them?

Questions and Answers about Composite Classes



Any further questions – please see your child's teacher.