

Updates to Placement Policy

Placement Policy has been updated to provide greater clarity for schools and parents/carers and support consistent and fair decision-making. The changes will come into effect from the beginning of Term 2, 2023 and will **apply to all mid-year transfers and 2024 enrolments**. Changes to the Placement Policy's priority order of placement include:

- Elevating and reframing priority 1 ('students who reside in zone') as guaranteed entry
- Removing priority 3 ('Regional Director restrictions')
- Removing priority 4 ('curriculum grounds')

Previous:

1. students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school
2. students with a sibling at the same permanent address attending school at the same time
3. where the Regional Director has restricted the enrolment, students who reside nearest the school
4. students seeking enrolment on specific curriculum grounds
5. all other students in order of closeness of their home to the school

Updated (in effect from Term 2, 2023)

Guaranteed entry:

Students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school

Priority order (subject to sufficient accommodation):

1. students with a sibling at the same permanent address attending school at the same time
2. all other students in order of closeness from their home to the school

There have **been no changes made to compassionate grounds** in the policy, which states that in exceptional circumstances, a student may be enrolled in a school based on compassionate grounds. This is an overarching consideration and does not form part of the priority order of placement.

Placement Policy overview:

Student lives in school zone

Eligible children and young persons have the right to be admitted to their designated neighbourhood government school, regardless of capacity.

- Accordingly, all students that reside within the area of a designated neighbourhood school (referred to as a 'schoolzone') must be offered a place when seeking enrolment.

Student lives outside of school zone

All students who seek enrolment in a school outside of their designated neighbourhood school **should be enrolled in that school** if:

- there is sufficient accommodation at the school
- the request for enrolment aligns with the school's Enrolment Management Plan (if they have one).

[Enrolment: Placement Policy | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/enrolment/placement-policy)

The Placement Policy applies to the placement of students at all year levels, from Foundation (Prep) to Year 12.

Single-sex government schools are required to follow the Placement Policy, noting only students of the requisite gender are eligible to apply.

Specialist schools are subject to different placement requirements than those described in the Placement Policy. For more information, refer to: [Enrolment in specialist schools](#).