

Warnervale Public School Student Enrolment



Procedures and Protocols



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Synopsis

This document supports Warnervale Public School's implementation of the NSW Department of Education's Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools Policy (July 2019) and should be read in conjunction with the [General Enrolment Procedures](#).

Managing enrolments in schools

A student is entitled to enrol at the local school that the student is eligible to attend if their home is within that school's local intake area. Parents may apply to enrol their child in the school of their choice. Acceptance is subject to the child being eligible to attend and that the school can accommodate the child.

Parents may enrol a child if they turn 5 years of age on or before 31 July in that year. Students identified as having high potential or as gifted, who are aged 4 years or older at 31 January of the year of enrolment may only be enrolled in accordance with the High Potential and Gifted Education policy.

Local Enrolment

To determine if a student's home is within a school's local intake area, please use the School Finder App by clicking on the button below.



Local enrolment applications are submitted online. The ENROLMENT link is available on the Warnervale Public School website, <https://warnervale-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Residential address check

Under the Education Act 1990, principals may require proof of address to their satisfaction in order to establish a child's entitlement to enrol in the school. However, any requests for proof of address must be reasonable in the circumstances. Schools that are at or nearing their local enrolment buffer as calculated in accordance with sections 9.1 and 9.2 will use the following 100-point residential address check to determine the student's entitlement to enrol at the school.

Document showing the full name of the child's parent	Points
1. Only one of (i.e. no additional points for additional documents) 1.1. Council rates notice 1.2. Lease agreement through a registered real estate agent for a period of at least 6 months or rental board bond receipt 1.3. Exchanged contract of sale with settlement to occur within the applicable school year	40
2. Any of the following 2.1. Private rental agreement for a period of at least 6 months 2.2. Centrelink payment statement showing home address 2.3. Electoral roll statement	20 each
3. Any of the following documents 3.1. Electricity or gas bill showing the service address* 3.2. Water bill showing the service address* 3.3. Telephone or internet bill showing the service address* 3.4. Drivers licence or government issued ID showing home address* 3.5. Home building or home contents insurance showing the service address 3.6. Motor vehicle registration or compulsory third party insurance policy showing home address 3.7. Statutory declaration stating the child's residential address, how long they have lived there, and any supporting information or documentation of this	15 each

* up to three months old

NB: Where a parent is able to give good reasons why they are unable to present documents, or in exceptional circumstances, principals may waive or vary the 100-point residential address check requirements when assessing a child's entitlement to enrol at the school. If this is to occur, principals are required to seek the approval of the Director, Educational Leadership.

Enrolment cap

The Enrolment Cap for a school is established centrally based on permanent accommodation.

The enrolment cap for Warnervale Public School is 370.

Local enrolment buffer

Within the enrolment cap, a number of enrolment places (the buffer) must be set aside for the enrolment of local students arriving throughout the year. The size of the buffer will differ in each school based on historical data, enrolment fluctuations and on the number of families moving into or out of the area. The size of the local enrolment buffer is set locally by the principal and approved by the Director, Educational Leadership.

It is reviewed annually and set in time for assessing applications for the following year's enrolment intake. Places in the local enrolment buffer are not to be offered to out-of-area students.

The Enrolment Buffer for Warnervale Public School is 356.

Our school has reached its enrolment cap. As per the department's policy, we are not considering out-of-area applications unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Our enrolment cap has been set to support student wellbeing, quality education and avoid overcrowding.

Out-of-Area enrolment

Out-of-Area enrolment applications are only considered by schools that can accommodate the child below the set local enrolment buffer level.

Except for enrolments at the commencement of the school year, schools that have not reached their local enrolment buffer level can only accommodate out-of-area enrolments into classes with available places.

Out-of-Area enrolment applications are submitted online through much the same process as a local enrolment application. The ENROLMENT link is available on the Warnervale Public School website, <https://warnervale-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> An Out-of-Area enrolment application can only progress if and when the school has made an offer to the family. If an Out-of-Area enrolment application is declined, families are encouraged to enrol in their local school.

Enrolment cap



Buffer level



Enrolment

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Criteria

The criteria, listed below, for the enrolment of out-of-area students has been developed by the principal, after consultation with the school community.

- siblings already enrolled at the school
- proximity and access to the school
- medical reasons
- safety and supervision of the student before and after school
- compassionate circumstances
- structure and organisation of the school
- recent change in the local intake area boundaries

Enrolment Panel

When demand for out-of-area enrolment exceeds the number of places available below the local enrolment buffer the school will establish an Enrolment Panel to consider all applications against the above criteria.

1	School Executive - Chairperson
2	Staff member nominated by the Principal
3	School community member nominated by the school's parent organisation

Waiting lists

A waiting list may be created for out-of-area students who are not offered enrolment. Any waiting list created will remain valid during the current intake period only, for a period of no more than 12 months. The waiting list is determined by the enrolment panel. Parents are advised in writing if their child is to be placed on a waiting list and his or her position on it.

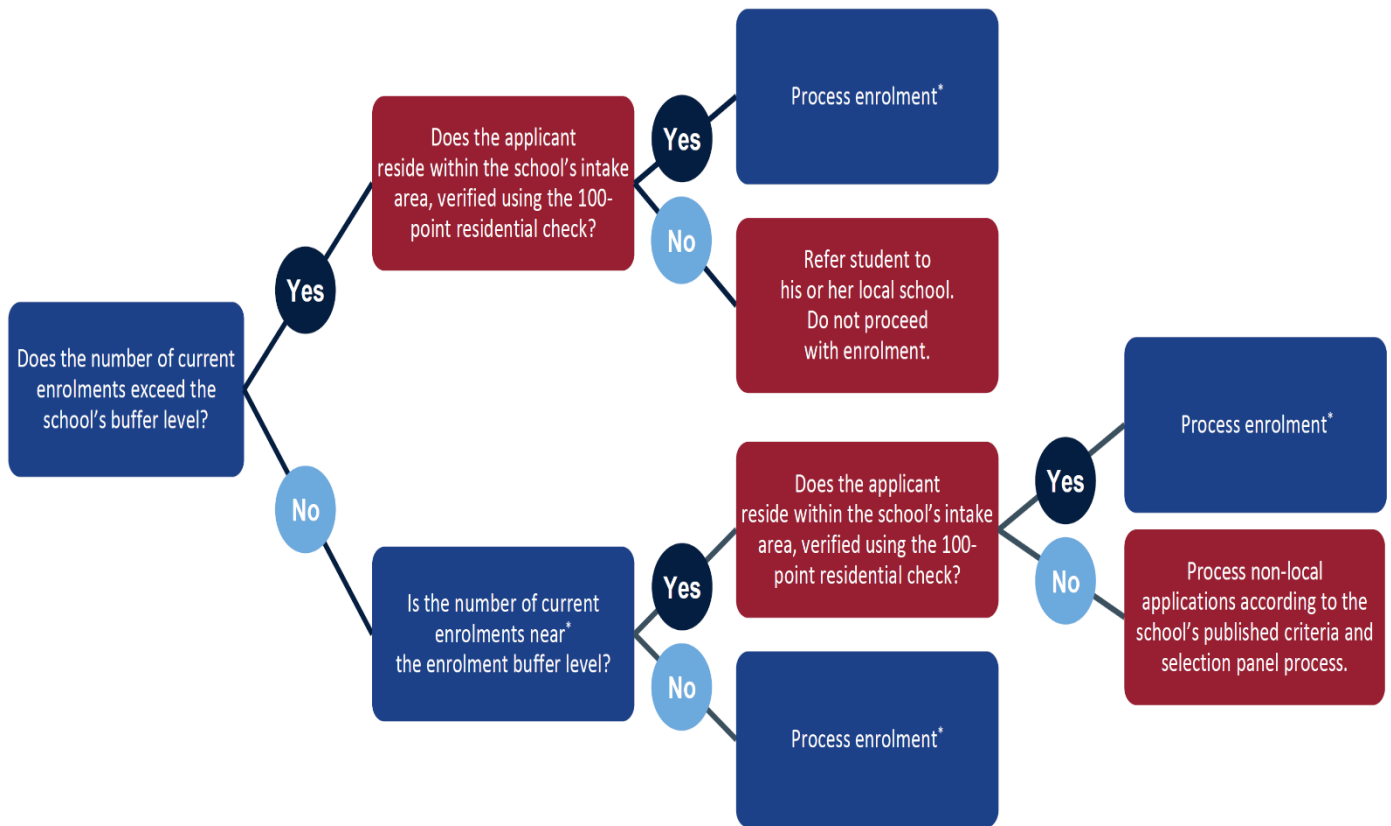
Enrolment time frame

For enrolment this year we will assess your application within four weeks and contact you. For enrolment next year we will assess your application in November this year and contact you. School holiday periods may increase assessment times.

Appeals

Unsuccessful out-of-area applicants may appeal against the decision of the enrolment panel. The appeal is made in writing to the principal and sets out the grounds of the appeal. If necessary, the principal can provide or arrange assistance, such as an interpreter, to enable the appeal to be set out in writing. The purpose of the appeal is to determine whether the stated criteria have been applied equitably. If the principal is not on the enrolment panel, the principal considers the appeal and makes a determination. Otherwise, the appeal may be determined by the Director, Educational Leadership.

Enrolment application decision tree



*For more information, visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-management-schools/media/documents/Decision-tree-Revised-enrolment-policy-2019.pdf>