

# Rutherford School Student Enrolment

Procedures and Protocols



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## Synopsis

This document supports Rutherford 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](#).

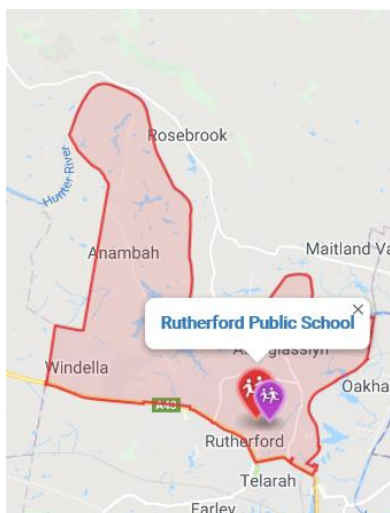
## Managing enrolments in schools

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 the school can accommodate the child. (General Enrolment Procedures: 9)

Parents may enrol a child if they turn 5 years of age on or before 31 July in that year. Students identified as gifted and talented, who are aged 4 years or older at 31 January of the year of enrolment may only be enrolled in accordance with the Gifted and Talented policy. (General Enrolment Procedures: 2)

## 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.



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### 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 NSW Department of Education | PD/2002/0006/01/v1.0.0 10 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 Rutherford Public School is 850.

(General Enrolment Procedures: 9.1)

### 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 non-local students. (General Enrolment Procedures: 9.2)

The Enrolment Buffer for Rutherford Public School is 50 students.

### Non-local enrolment

Non-local enrolment applications are only considered by schools that can accommodate the child below the set local enrolment buffer level. (General Enrolment Procedures: 9.4)

Except for enrolments at the commencement of the school year, schools that have not reached their local enrolment buffer level should only accommodate non-local enrolments into classes with available places. (General Enrolment Procedures: 9.4)

Non-local enrolment applications include the [Application to enrol in a NSW Government school](#) and a non-local enrolment application form. The non-local enrolment application form is developed by the school and requires the applicant to address the selection criteria and provide supporting documentation. Please contact the school office for the application form. (Appendix 1) (General Enrolment Procedures: 9.4.1)



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### Criteria

The criteria, listed below, for the enrolment of non-local students has been developed by the Principal, Mr Andrew Brown, after consultation with the school community. (General Enrolment Procedures: 9.4.2)

- Siblings already enrolled in the school;
- Safety and supervision of children before and / or after school;
- Special interests and abilities of the student;
- Specific programs or opportunities at Rutherford Public School;
- Structure and organisation of the school;
- Compassionate circumstances (grandparents or caregivers living in school zone);
- Proximity and access to school.

### Enrolment Panel

When demand for non-local 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. (General Enrolment Procedures: 9.4)

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 non-local students who are not offered enrolment. Any waiting list created will remain valid during the current intake period only. 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. The length of the waiting list should reflect realistic expectations of potential vacancies. (General Enrolment Procedures: 9.4.4)

### Enrolment time frame

It is anticipated that enrolment of students should not exceed 10 days from receipt of completed [Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School](#). Where circumstances indicate that this timeframe may not be met Principals are required to consult their Director, Educational Leadership.

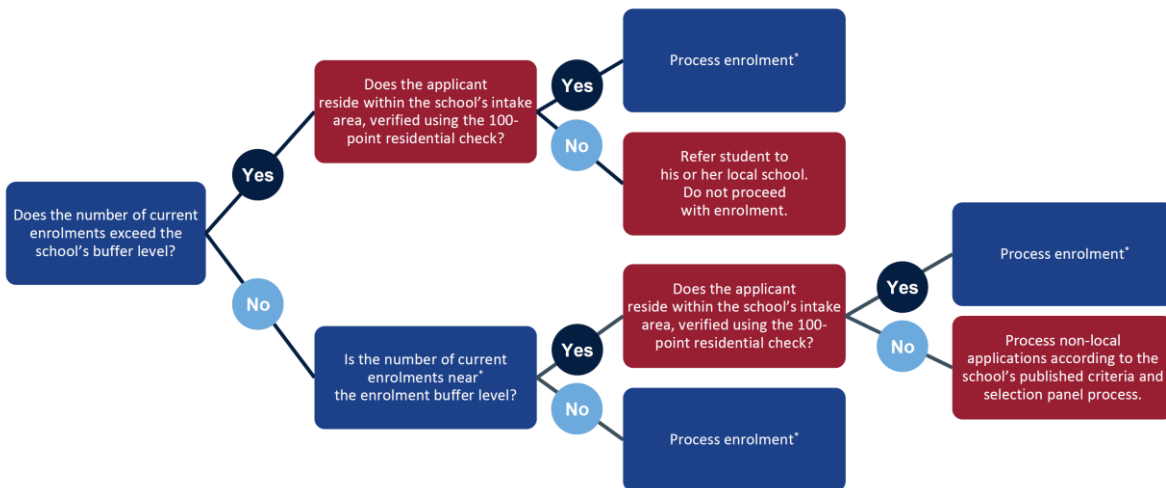
### Appeals

Unsuccessful non-local 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 should 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

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enrolment panel, the principal considers the appeal and makes a determination. Otherwise, the appeal may be determined by the Director, Educational Leadership. (General Enrolment Procedures: 9.4.5)

### 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>

**APPLICATION FOR  
NON-LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT**

Please read the information for parents on the back of this form

**A: STUDENT INFORMATION**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Given Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Male [ ] Female [ ] *please tick*  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
Present School: \_\_\_\_\_ Present Year/Grade (K-6) \_\_\_\_\_

**B: NON-LOCAL SCHOOL PLACEMENT REQUEST**

School Applied For: \_\_\_\_\_ Year/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed Date of Enrolment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reasons for Application:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach any further information that you feel may be relevant)  
I have also applied for enrolment at the following non-local school \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
and at my local school \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**C: SCHOOL USE ONLY**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Place Available: Yes / No Parent Advised On: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



### NON LOCAL-APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT AT SCHOOL 2020

Address  
Address  
Address

Dear

Thank you for your application to enrol **Child's name** at our school.

Our school enrolment committee met on **date** to consider your application. The following considerations were discussed:

- The school is a local intake school, and currently has ongoing pressure for enrolments from students within the school boundaries.
- At present we have accommodation concerns for our current enrolments and the local intake students we anticipate requiring placement throughout 2020 and beyond.
- The school has reached it's enrolment ceiling. (please see attached policy)
- Your current address is listed outside our local catchment area.

Based on this information, and following the current Department of Education's enrolment policy, the enrolment panel is **unable to accept your application for enrolment at our school.**

We are sorry that we cannot meet your request for enrolment at our school at this time. There is, however, a process of appeal and you may address your reasons for the appeal in writing to me.

You are in the local intake area for **zoned school** and I would advise you to contact the Principal, **principal's name** on 4932 5900 to discuss enrolment for **child's name** in 2020.

Appeals to the decision need to be supported with information that would enable the school to make an informed decision.

Please be aware that appeals may only be upheld where there are extenuating educational or personal circumstances.

Your letter of appeal and any supporting information should be directed to:

#### The Principal

Rutherford Public School  
Weblands Street

RUTHERFORD NSW 2320  
[rutherford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rutherford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

If you have any further queries please contact me on the school phone number 02 4932 5900.

Yours sincerely

ANDREW BROWN  
Principal