

YARRALUMLA PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Endorsed by School Board – 11 September 2104

Purpose

As enrolment pressures are anticipated at Yarralumla Primary, it has developed a School Enrolment Management Plan (SEMP) in consultation with our South Weston School Network Leader.

The SEMP supports the Parent/carer guide to enrolment/transfer for ACT public schools and provides additional enrolment/transfer clarity for schools with specialised programs/pathways that have specific entry requirements.

Yarralumla Primary's Priority Enrolment Area

Yarralumla Primary's PEA is the suburb of Yarralumla and parts of the western half of the suburb of Deakin - west of the boundary line that runs down Adelaide Avenue, along Hopetoun Circuit, Macgregor Street, Stradbroke Street, Stonehaven Crescent and Strickland Crescent.

For more detail, go to the following website and click on the option of ACT School Public Zones and then Primary Schools 2014 at the bottom of the map:

<http://www.allhomes.com.au/ah/act/maps>

School capacity

Yarralumla Primary currently has capacity for 315 students from K-6 in 14 class spaces including a maximum of two English mainstream classes and excluding capacity for 12 students with special needs in two Learning Support Units. Enrolment of students from outside the PEA are carefully managed to ensure that all students who reside in the PEA are accommodated.

School Enrolment Limit

The school allows spaces for those students who move into the PEA throughout the year. Consequently the school is required to set a first round limit to allow for those additional students.

The initial year of entry – preschool has a capacity of [50] and the enrolment limit for the first round of enrolments is [42].

Criteria for Enrolment/Transfer

The school makes a decision on an enrolment offer based upon the information presented against the criteria outlined below:

1. Student resides in the PEA (Priority Enrolment Area) and/or is a sibling of student/s already enrolled
2. Out of PEA student is enrolling in Montessori Cycle 1 program
3. Out of PEA student's wellbeing is subject to special consideration
4. Out of PEA student has one or both parents who is a native and/or bilingual Italian speaker
5. Out of PEA student has Italian heritage: ie. grandparents or extended family are Italian speakers

6. Out of PEA student is an ACT resident whose family has selected Yarralumla Primary as a school of choice for its bilingual education (commitment demonstrated at interview).

For all Category students (except Category 2), a family's commitment to bilingual education and the philosophy of second language immersion at Yarralumla Primary is highly desirable.

Enrolment of a non-PEA student in Categories 3 to 6 can only be made if there is an available place in the child's respective agent cohort. These criteria are used to determine entry requirements for Yarralumla Primary's specialised bilingual program. They are documented and placed on the school website.

Preschool has high and excess demand

In consultation with local area schools, Yarralumla Primary Principal will:

- nominate local area schools that have identified capacity and
- develop appropriate strategies to accommodate all students

Shared Zones with high demand

Yarralumla Primary's Principal will:

- nominate schools in the local area and their capacity.
- share enrolment information with principal colleagues to be aware with up-to-date vacancies .

Important Dates

Open Day/Information Session with parents:

Held annually on a Saturday in early May – usually at the end of Week 2 of Term 2.

2015 proposed date: Saturday 9th May 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Selection Panel consists of: Principal, Deputy Principal and Italian Program Executive teacher

Appeal Process

A letter of review by unsuccessful applicants can be forwarded to the school's School Enrolments Review Committee (Principal, nominated Board member, Executive teacher) for further consideration by the last day of Term 2.