



Oran Park High School

Non-local Enrolment Procedures and Selection Criteria

Oran Park High School non-local enrolment procedures have been developed in line with the departments enrolment guidelines which can be accessed at https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/related-documents/V03_pd02_06_enrolment_of_students.pdf

Enrolment areas

NSW public schools have specific local enrolment areas based on demographic and geographic factors. These catchment areas are determined by the Department of Education. Students enrol in public schools based on their home address. All public schools ensure there are enough places for students in their local enrolment area. Schools may accept enrolments from outside their area if places are available.

The Oran Park High School context

Oran Park High School opened at the beginning of the 2020 school year to meet the population needs of the Oran Park / Catherine Field / Gledswood Hills growth corridor. With many years of housing growth and development still to go in the school's enrolment catchment area, first priority for enrolment must be given to local students whose address falls within the school catchment area. This guarantees availability of places for these students, as well ensuring that the school does not grow at the expense of other neighbouring public high schools. However, there are some circumstances where a non-local enrolment might be accepted, based on the following criteria.

Non-local enrolment Placement Panels

In schools where demand for non-local places exceeds availability, the school will establish a placement panel to consider and make recommendations on all non-local enrolment applications. In assessing the application of the criteria to individual cases, the panel will consider only those matters presented on the application form and not oral or other submissions. The decisions made by the placement panel must be made within the context of the agreed enrolment ceiling and the buffer retained for local students arriving later in the year.

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Non-local Enrolment Selection Criteria

A student who lives outside of the Oran Park High School catchment area may be considered for enrolment at the school if the panel agrees that their application meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. Educational need, as endorsed by the referring school
2. Demonstrated personal or family hardship, as endorsed by the referring school
3. Personal circumstances which require the student to attend a school other than their designated in-area school, as endorsed by the referring school
4. Sibling currently enrolled at the school, including in the Support Unit

Out-of-area Enrolment Selection Procedure

1. Oran Park High School's 'Non-local Enrolment Panel' reviews all applications, based on how they address the criteria and any supporting evidence presented.
2. Year 6 into 7 student enrolments are processed using the usual enrolment process at primary school and are passed through to the high school, where non-local applications are considered by the 'Non-local Enrolment Panel'. Families are informed of the outcome in writing.
3. All other non-local applications are processed by the school administration office and distributed to the members of the 'Non-local Enrolment Panel' to review, based on how they address the criteria and any supporting evidence presented. Families are informed of the outcome in writing.