

## **EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGION** **SCHOOLS WITH RESTRICTED ENROLMENT**

Due to facility limitations, Eastern Metropolitan Region has a number of schools with enrolments restricted in various ways. These schools are not required to enrol students outside their neighbourhood area unless they have spare places. They are referred to as having an **enrolment ceiling** and/or a **designated neighbourhood area** (formerly known as zones).

Any additional students must be enrolled strictly according to Department of Education and Early Childhood Development **priority criteria**.

### **SCHOOLS WITH AN APPROVED ENROLMENT UNDERSTANDING**

#### **Designated Neighbourhood Area**

In some instances the Regional Director may need to restrict new enrolments at a particular school and will therefore specifically designate the neighbourhood area (formerly referred to as a zone). Children who live outside the Designated Neighbourhood Area cannot be guaranteed a place at that school even if it is their closest neighbourhood school. The the following schools have an approved Designated Neighbourhood Area:

Canterbury Primary School  
Chatham Primary School  
Hawthorn West Primary School  
Heany Park Primary School  
Karoo Primary School  
Lysterfield Primary School  
Park Ridge Primary School  
Rowville Primary School

Please note that DEECD may need to review these areas according to changing accommodation pressures. These boundaries may therefore be subject to change.

#### **Enrolment Ceilings**

The Regional Director may need to restrict new enrolments at a particular school by setting an Enrolment Ceiling. The school can only take a specific number of enrolments each year. Students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school will be enrolled first. Other enrolments will be considered according to DEECD **priority criteria**. For these schools, the designated neighbourhood school is defined as the school that is nearest to a student's permanent residential address in a straight line distance. The following schools have an approved Enrolment Ceiling:

#### **Primary**

Balwyn North Primary School  
Camberwell Primary School  
Doncaster Gardens Primary School  
Eastwood Primary School  
Glen Iris Primary School  
Kent Park Primary School  
Kew Primary School  
Kew East Primary School

#### **Secondary**

Box Hill High School  
Camberwell High School  
East Doncaster Secondary College  
Fairhills High School  
Glen Waverley Secondary College  
Koonung Secondary College  
Mount Waverley Secondary College  
Norwood Secondary College

Lilydale Primary School  
Mont Albert Primary School  
Rangeview Primary School  
Surrey Hills Primary School  
Vermont Primary School  
Wheelers Hill Primary School  
Wonga Park Primary School  
Yarra Road Primary School

Ringwood Secondary College  
Vermont Secondary College  
Wantirna College  
Warrandyte High School

### Designated Neighbourhood Area AND Enrolment Ceiling

In some instances the Regional Director may need to restrict new enrolments at a particular school and will therefore specifically designate the neighbourhood area **and** set an enrolment ceiling. Children who live within the Designated Neighbourhood Area will be guaranteed enrolment at the school if they wish to attend. Children who live outside the Designated Neighbourhood Area will not be guaranteed a place at that school even if it is their closest neighbourhood school. The following schools have an approved Designated Neighbourhood Area and Enrolment Ceiling:

#### Primary

Auburn South Primary School  
Hartwell Primary School

#### Secondary

Balwyn High School  
Kew High School  
Canterbury Girls' Secondary College

### Community Schools

Community schools do not have designated neighbourhood areas but may have discretionary or specific enrolment procedures. Please contact the school for further information.

- ▶ **Sherbrooke Community School** has an enrolment ceiling and has discretionary enrolment procedures. They must enrol all students according to a process agreed with Eastern Metropolitan Region.
- ▶ **Croydon Community School** has no ceiling but has discretionary enrolment procedures.

### Specialist Schools

Specialist schools do not have designated neighbourhood areas but may have discretionary or specific enrolment procedures. Please contact the school for further information.

- ▶ **Bulleen Heights School** is a specialist school with specific enrolment requirements. It has an enrolment ceiling and must enrol all students according to a process agreed with Eastern Metropolitan Region. This school, like other specialist schools, has specific entry criteria.
- ▶ **Wantirna Heights School** is a specialist school with specific enrolment requirements. It has an enrolment ceiling and must enrol all students according to a process agreed with Eastern Metropolitan Region. This school, like other specialist schools, has specific entry criteria.

# Criteria for Student Placement in a Government School

All students under the age of eighteen years are entitled to a place in a Victorian Government school. They are guaranteed a place in their designated neighbourhood school and may choose any other school in which space is available.

In Eastern Metropolitan Region the Regional Director has the authority to effect the placement of students, including the ability to **restrict enrolments at particular schools** where there are severe accommodation constraints.

The placement of students in primary, secondary and specialist schools should be consistent with Department of Education and Early Childhood Development policy, the principles of which are:

- To provide each child with the right to a place in the designated neighbourhood school
- Wherever practicable, to provide parents/guardians with an opportunity to enrol their child at the same school as that being attended by an older brother or sister who resides at the same address
- To allow parent/guardians not wishing to send their child to the neighbourhood school to select any alternative school in which space is available
- To contain enrolments in each school within the limits of available resources as determined by the Regional Director

In most instances the designated neighbourhood school is defined as the school that is nearest to a student's permanent residential address (straight line distance). However, in some instances the Regional Director may need to restrict new enrolments at a particular school and will therefore specifically designate the **neighbourhood area**. In such circumstances the designated neighbourhood school may not be the nearest school for some students.

A child resident in the neighbourhood area has a right to attend the school if that is the wish of the parents/guardians. If the parents/guardians do not wish the child to attend either the neighbourhood school or the same school being attended by a brother or sister who resides at the same address, they have the right to choose any other school in which space is available.

Where there are insufficient places at a school for all students who seek entry students should be enrolled in the following **priority criteria** unless determined otherwise by the Regional Director.

- Students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school
- Students with a brother or sister who has the same permanent residential address and who will be concurrently attending the school
- In those instances where the Regional Director has **restricted the enrolment of a school**, students for whom the school is the nearest one to their permanent residential address
- Students seeking enrolment on specific curriculum grounds
- Other students in order of closeness of their home to the school