

Preamble

Austinmer Public School currently has fourteen permanent classes and approximately 340 students.

This is based on a maximum class size campaign by the NSW Government, which states that:

- In Kindergarten ~ the average state class size should not exceed 20 students,
- In Year 1 ~ the average state class size should not exceed 22 students,
- In Year 2 ~ the average state class size should not exceed 24 students
- In Years 3 to 6 ~ there is no specified maximum, but we aim for classes to be under 30 students.

Enrolment Buffer

In accordance with the Enrolment of Students in Government Schools policy of 1997, “No additional accommodation will be provided to cater for increased enrolments resulting from non-local placements”.

To this end, we will usually maintain an enrolment buffer per year grouping in order to accommodate for local students arriving throughout the year. The following table shows the break down of the ceilings including the buffer.

Kindergarten: Classes not to exceed 20 students ~ preferably 19 students as a buffer
Year 1: Classes should not to exceed 22 students ~ preferably 21 students as a buffer
Year 2: Classes should not to exceed 24 students ~ preferably 23 students as a buffer
Year 3: Classes should not to exceed 30 students ~ preferably 28 students as a buffer
Year 4: Classes should not to exceed 30 students ~ preferably 28 students as a buffer
Year 5: Classes should not to exceed 30 students ~ preferably 28 students as a buffer
Year 6: Classes should not to exceed 30 students ~ preferably 28 students as a buffer

Placement Panel

Austinmer Public School has in the past, had a demand placed on it by non-local enrolment applications. This has been especially so for our Kindergarten classes. The school has a Panel consisting of the Principal, and all of our Assistant Principals. It is this panel that will determine which Out of Area applicants will be offered a place at our school.

For Kindergarten students, this panel will convene before the end of Term 3 and make placement offers to those Out of Area Applicants who fit the Criteria for Non-local Enrolment.

Criteria for Non-local Enrolment

Criteria for selecting amongst non-local enrolment applications are documented and made available to parents who are interested in enrolling their children. The selected criteria for Austinmer Public School are:

- Sibling already at school
- Medical reasons
- Safety and Supervision of the students before and after school
- Compassionate circumstances
- Proximity and access to school

Further Criteria from the Enrolment of Students in Government Schools policy of 1997:

- Structure and organisation of the school
- Special interests and abilities
- Availability of subjects or combinations of subjects
- Access to single-sex education

Waiting Lists

A waiting list may be established if the demand for non-local placements exceeds the school requirements and/or buffer. Parents will be advised if their child is to be placed on a waiting list. Waiting lists are current for one year.

Appeals

Appeals are to be made in writing to the Principal. Appeals can only be made with regards to following the due processes outlined previously. The Principal will seek to resolve the matter. If the matter is not resolved at a local level, the District School Education Director will consider the appeal and make a determination. The purpose of the appeal is to determine whether the stated criteria have been applied fairly.

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