

## 2020 Enrolment Management Plan

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Footscray High School is a new multi-campus secondary school with a dedicated senior school campus for Years 10-12 and two junior campuses for students in Years 7–9. This model will be fully operational by 2022.

The three campuses of Footscray High School include:

- Barkly Campus Year 7-9 (Years 7-8 in 2021)
- Pilgrim Campus Year 7-9 (Years 7-8 in 2021)
- Kinnear Campus Year 10-12 (Years 9-12 in 2021)

The 2006 Education and Training Reform Act (ETRA) underpins the Department of Education and Training (DET) enrolment policy which can be found at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/Pages/azindexe.aspx>

The policy states that all eligible children and young people have the right to be admitted to their designated neighbourhood government school.

Footscray High School is a new entity. Neither the Barkly Campus nor the Pilgrim Campus existed prior to 2021 nor did a three-campus school define secondary provision in the area.

Therefore, the former Footscray City Secondary College zone has been replaced by the Footscray High School zone which has been approved by the Minister for Education. The zone for the new entity ensures consistency with DET policy and the ETRA legislation regarding closest school.

A student's designated neighbourhood school is generally the school that is nearest the student's permanent address as determined by the school zone. The website <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au> provides guidance on which school zone a student's permanent residence is located within.

School boundaries often move to accommodate demographic changes and the establishment of new neighbouring schools. As is the case with any new school the enrolment boundaries for it and neighbouring schools must be adjusted to reflect the closest school.

The potential future demand for enrolment places from within the local community indicates that Footscray High School must manage enrolments carefully and in accordance with the Priority Placement Order in the Enrolment Policy. A student's permanent place of address not only determines eligibility for enrolment at Footscray High School but also at the closest Year 7-9 campus.

Where there are insufficient places at a school for all students who seek entry, students are enrolled according to the Placement Policy's priority order of placement, which has five criteria.

### Priority Order of Placement

In circumstances when a school may not be able to accept all applications due to existing or future capacity concerns, schools must manage enrolment applications in accordance with the following priority order of placement:

1. **Students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school.**
2. **Students with a sibling at the same permanent address who are attending the school at the same time.**
3. Where the Regional Director has restricted the enrolment, students who reside nearest the school.
4. Students seeking enrolment on specific curriculum grounds.
5. All other students in order of closeness of their home to the school

The future capacity needs at Footscray High School mean that enrolments will be confined to the first two criteria.

In exceptional circumstances, a student may be enrolled in a school based on compassionate grounds. **This is an overarching consideration and does not form part of the priority order of placement.** Schools are permitted to assess and make a determination for exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

Schools must ensure that all applicants eligible under a criterion have been offered a place before moving to consideration of the next. All students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school are guaranteed a place.

## **Implementation**

### **Year 6 to 7 Transition for Year 6 Government School Students**

Year 6 to 7 transition is managed through the state-wide Year 6 to 7 Transition Program. This program has a number of processes and key dates that must be adhered to.

All year 7 students will strictly attend the campus that is listed as their designated neighbourhood government school. Families will not have the capacity to choose which campus their child attends. Furthermore, students will not be permitted to transfer between 7-9 campuses of Footscray High School unless their address changes.

To locate your designated neighbourhood government school/campus, please visit the Find My School website at <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au>.

The website has recently been updated to include the Pilgrim Campus for 2021.

### **Year 6 to 7 Transition for Year 6 Catholic and Independent School Students**

Parents with students at Catholic or Independent primary schools may download the Non-Government Parent Transition Pack and follow the instructions for non-government students. The same enrolment conditions regarding students attending their designated neighbourhood schools apply.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/year-6-to-7.aspx>

### **Footscray Learning Precinct Schools**

Students enrolled in Footscray Learning Precinct Primary Schools including Footscray Primary School and Footscray City Primary School are not guaranteed enrolment at Footscray High School. The state-wide Year 6-7 Transition Program guidelines apply to all Year 6 students.

### **Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program**

Only students who reside in Footscray High School designated neighbourhood government school area will be offered a place in the Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program. Sitting an Edustest does not guarantee a place at Footscray High School.

### **Years 8-12 Enrolments**

Students who reside in the Footscray High School designated neighbourhood zone have the right to enrol at Footscray High School. To locate your designated neighbourhood government school, please visit the Find My School website at <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au>.

Please visit <https://footscray.vic.edu.au/enrol/enrolment-process/> for information about Year 8-12 enrolment.

### **Sibling Claim Enrolment that are Outside the Designated Neighbourhood Area**

In the event that a Year 6 student has a sibling, who will be attending Footscray High School in 2021 and whose residential address is located outside the designated neighbourhood, then the Year 6 student can apply for enrolment at the closest 7-9 Campus on sibling grounds.

### **International Students**

For information about our International Education Program please visit <https://footscray.vic.edu.au/enrol/international-students/>

Footscray High School will only enrol international students who reside in Footscray High School designated neighbourhood government school area.

If you have any questions regarding the Footscray High School Enrolment Management Plan, please contact the school via the online enquiry form.