



MACQUARIE FIELDS HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT ENROLMENT POLICY
Policy for the placement of comprehensive students

1. THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee is comprised of:

- A member of the MFHS Executive (as chairperson);
- Teaching staff member/s; and
- School community members (nominated by the P&C).

The Committee will be responsible for the:

- Policy in relation to all in-area comprehensive applications.
- Consideration of non-local (out of area) comprehensive applications following the guidelines outlined below.
- Placement of the non-local (out of area) applicants on an order of eligibility.
- Identification of three groups of students from all applications and the eligibility list
 - a) Those students to whom offers shall be made
 - b) Those students who may be placed on a reserve list. This will be determined annually
 - c) Those students who are unsuccessful in their application
- Based on the realistic expectations of potential vacancies for the following year, the Selection Committee may not offer any positions to out of area applications.

2. IN AREA APPLICATIONS

- (i) The Review Committee's recommendation (1994) limits the maximum numbers of students in any year to 90 comprehensive students and 90 selective students.
- (ii) The comprehensive enrolment will be determined by local applicants from the local drawing area.
- (iii) A small buffer must be maintained, in each year to accommodate local applicants who move into the area during the year.
- (iv) Proof of permanent residency is required. All applications must present 100 points of documentation as per the enrolment checklist available on request or at the time of enrolment.
- (v) No student can be enrolled and have two addresses. Where custody is shared, court orders must be supplied which show the primary carer of the student for purposes of enrolment. In the absence of court orders, or where custody is shared 50/50, the mother's address will be considered the student's primary address for purposes of enrolment.
- (vi) All documentation and an "Application to enrol in a NSW Government school" form must be filled in and submitted **before an enrolment is finalised**.
- (vii) Where a student has moved into the area and applies for enrolment, contact will be made with the student's previous school before enrolment is finalised to ensure that the student does not have a history of violent behaviour in their previous school. Where a student is enrolling with a history of violent behaviour, the enrolment will not be finalised until a full risk assessment has been undertaken. This will include but is not limited to, the School Counsellor making contact with the Counsellor from the student's previous school. Where a student is enrolling from a non-government school, the applicant must provide the student's file from their previous school to assist us in making appropriate arrangements for processing the enrolment.

3. **OUT OF AREA APPLICATIONS – COMPREHENSIVE STREAM – IF THE SCHOOL IS UNDER CAPACITY QUOTA**

(i) Where there are vacancies in a given year, the number of positions available to out of area applications will be determined by the Selection Committee.

(ii) ***Consideration will be given to the following areas***

- a) Students who have exceptional circumstances endorsed by the applicant's current School Principal and the Director.
- b) Students who have a sibling currently enrolled at the school.
- c) Overseas fee paying students approved by the Department of Education and the International Student Centre (Principal determined).

It should be noted that there is no implied order established by this listing of criteria. A holistic approach, based on the individual's application, will form the basis for analysis by the Selection Committee.

4. **SPECIAL EDUCATION (AUTISM) PLACEMENTS**

Placement in this unit is determined by the NSW Department of Education Regional Placement Panel.

Applications are made via an access request lodged by the student's current school. Our school does not make direct offers on these limited positions.

5. **SELECTIVE STREAM PLACEMENTS**

Students are placed through the NSW Department of Education's Selective Education Unit. The cap is 90 students per year group. If there are vacancies in the Selective Stream in Years 8 – 11, a testing process will be conducting the Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST) model.

6. **INFORMATION UPDATES**

It is a condition of enrolment that the applicant keeps the school updated in respect of address; medical information and emergency contact numbers.

7. **ENROLMENT OFFICERS**

The enrolment officer assisting the committee in the management of enrolments is Mrs Tracy Smith. Any enquiries in regard to enrolment should be directed, in the first instance to her, on (02) 9605 3111.

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(for the Selection Committee)

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