



Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government school in 2021

It is time to start the transition of your child from
Year 6 to Year 7.

NSW Government schools provide high quality education services that support students to achieve their potential, develop strong values, and secure their future.

Our schools offer extensive curriculum opportunities and rich learning environments which ensure learning is engaging, relevant and challenging.

Our fully trained and qualified teachers help students develop independence, responsibility, and a love of learning.

Our staff promote wellbeing and support students to be successful learners and informed citizens in our society.

Further information is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment/high-school-enrolment>

Your local school

Most NSW Government schools have local enrolment areas. Your child's permanent residential address determines which school is your local school. The School Finder tool at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder> can help you locate your child's local school.

Many parents and carers in NSW choose their local school to provide an education of excellence for their child.

Local schools cater for students of all ability levels, including programs to challenge the gifted and talented and programs for students with additional learning and support needs. There is also a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Most single-sex (boys or girls only) schools accept students in a designated local enrolment area.

Some single-sex schools, however, are academically selective schools or specialist schools and have special enrolment procedures.

Multi-campus colleges include a number of schools or campuses, with each school or campus specialising in different areas. For example, there are junior campuses (Years 7-9 or 7-10), senior campuses (Years 10-12 or 11-12), academically selective campuses, co-educational campuses and single-sex campuses.

Central schools offer many rural and isolated communities the opportunity to educate their children from Kindergarten through to Year 12 in one school setting. Many central schools use technology to link teachers and students in different schools so that a range of subjects is offered. Central schools also offer a broad range of extra-curricular activities.

Other school options

Specialist schools

Specialist schools provide a secondary education which focuses on a specific talent or interest. Specialist schools have been established for creative arts and performing arts, languages, technology (including marine technology and rural technology), agriculture and sport. In some of these specialist schools the criteria for enrolment may include performance or audition.

Specific programs in schools

Some schools have specific programs in areas such as music, drama, technology or academic extension. Enrolment in these classes may depend upon students meeting special criteria for enrolment. These criteria could include performance, audition or entrance tests depending on the specific focus.

Talk to the principal of the particular school in which you are interested, or check the school website.

Support classes

Some secondary schools have support classes to cater for the additional learning and support needs of students with disability. Your child's primary school principal will assist you to find the right schooling option for your child, taking into account your choice, your child's specific additional learning needs and proximity to local specialist services.

Consideration for placement in a support class is managed through a placement process.

Non-local schools

Every school has to reserve enough places within their school for local area students. However, some schools may accept students from outside the designated intake area if the schools can accommodate students below the local enrolment buffer level. You may have reasons why you would like your child to attend a school that is not your local school.

In schools where demand for non-local enrolment exceeds the number of available places below the enrolment buffer, schools must develop non-local enrolment criteria and establish panels to consider non-local applications.

Academically selective schools

The application process for entry into a fully or partially academically selective school begins when the student is in Year 5 and is longer than the normal enrolment process.

The application form is only available online. Please note that no late applications will be accepted.

A list of academically selective schools and details of their enrolment procedures are available at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Intensive English Centres

Use the School Finder tool at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder> to locate high schools that provide Intensive English support.

Provide your home address or postcode to search for your local school map and select the Intensive English Centre button on "Nearby schools".

If you require an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the **Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450** and ask for an interpreter in your language. This service will be free of charge to you.

For further information, please contact your local primary school principal or the secondary school of your choice.

