

Criteria for Non-Local Applicants Transitioning from Year 6 into year 7.

The school receives a large number of applications from non-local students, particularly for placement into Year 7. All non-local applicants will be considered for enrolment by a Placement Panel (for placement in Year 7 at the beginning of the following year), or the Principal for other applications. The school will accept non-local enrolments based on a combination of the following criteria (not listed in any particular or priority order). **No single criterion will guarantee automatic placement.** For Applications for placement into Year 7 of the following year, the criterion is as follows:

- In Year 6 at a school with which Cronulla HS has present and historically close working relationships
- Siblings currently attending Cronulla High School
- Special interests and abilities in activities which are nurtured within the school – for example music/band, performing arts, leadership experiences, technology, sport and academic interests. (Supporting evidence might include recent school reports, results of external competitions and tests or certificates of achievement)
- Recommendation from the student's current primary school
- Compassionate or family circumstances – these include travel considerations, maintaining friendships
- Demonstrated respect for and commitment to their own learning and the learning of others.

Applications for Non local Area applications for placement in other circumstances:

Please note as with the above **no single criterion will guarantee automatic placement.** For Applications for placement into any year group as an out of area applicant the following criteria will apply:

- There are sufficient vacancies within the school to accommodate the student while still allowing for possible local enrolments.
- The student has a satisfactory record of attendance, behaviour and progress at the previous school of enrolment.
- Demonstrated respect for and commitment to their own learning and the learning of others.

- The student should be able to travel to and from the school in a way that is considered to be reasonable and not excessive.
- Students should be able to obtain appropriate subjects to allow continuity of study.
- The student has no history of violence, criminal behaviour or drug-abuse at the previous school.
- Students must show an appropriateness of age for the school cohort.
- In some circumstances, the level of support required will make it necessary for the Principal to direct students to an alternative enrolment.

Enrolment Buffer

Based on historical data, on enrolment fluctuations, and on the number of families moving in and out of the local area, it is determined that a minimum buffer of approximately 10% should be established for each year group during the year. Thus, while acknowledging the discretion of the Principal, the school may not accept non-local students in any year once that year has reached its buffer.

Placement Panel

Where demand for non-local places into Year 7 for the following year exceeds availability, a Placement Panel shall be formed by the Principal in accordance with DEC policy. The committee will be chaired by the Principal. At other times in the year the Principal or Deputy Principal shall decide on the enrolment of non-local students.

Waiting Lists

Waiting lists for non-local students will be established where necessary. Parents will be advised in writing if their child is to be placed on a waiting list. Waiting lists are current for one year only. Students on waiting lists must be in full attendance at another school. The Principal will reconvene the placement panel in the event of an additional non-local enrolment. The list may be re-prioritised if the panel believes the additional enrolment more suitably fits the school criteria.