Starting School

As per the Department of Education and Children’s Services Administrative Instructions and Guidelines, children are not required to attend school until they are six years old.

From 2014, South Australia will have the same first day of school for all children – the beginning of Term One. Where a child turns five before May 1, they will start school on the first day of Term One of that year. Where a child turns five on or after May 1 they will start school on the first day of Term One the following year.

The minimum age for starting school will be four years and eight months from 2014.

Proof of Age

At the time of enrolment parents/guardians are required to provide proof of their child’s birth age.

The following documents will be accepted by schools in this regard:

- Passport
- Birth certificate, or
- Official Centrelink documentation stating the child’s name and birth date.

Early Entry- Gifted Students

The decision as to where a child (in year level terms) attends at his/her school is determined according to the ‘educational attainments’ of the child. This is not determined by the parents but by the Principal in consultation with any relevant experts and the parents. However, ultimately the Principal has the final say (unless instructed by the relevant Education Director). See DECD Gifted and Talented Students Policy.

Zoning

Nailsworth Primary School is one of the approximately 60 primary and secondary metropolitan schools that are zoned.

Students whose permanent and primary place of residence is within the Nailsworth zone are automatically eligible to enrol in the school.

As the school is at capacity, families need to provide, at the time of enrolment, proof of the child’s primary place of residence.

Proof of residence

The following documents are accepted as proof.

1. A gas or electricity bill stating the new residential address (not a business address) and the name of the parent/guardian. The utility bill should be recent. Telstra and water rates bills are not acceptable as parents may receive these invoices for additional rental properties or businesses that they may own.

2. A copy of the property’s Contract of Sale (if the home is the permanent residence), Please note, the provision of a Contract of Sale on its own is not considered to be sufficient documentation. The property may have been purchased by the parent/guardian and rented to other occupants. This is why a copy of a recent utility bill is also required

3. Or If the parent/guardian is renting then they should provide a rental agreement and bond receipt (from the Residential Tenancies Tribunal) stating where the parent/guardian is currently, or will be, residing over the next 12 months.

4. If a student states that that they are residing with a relative/friend, then supporting documentation stating that the relative/friend is the legal guardian of the student is requested. This documentation should include a Parenting Order from the Family Court, which states that the relative/friend is the full-time guardian of the child.

5. The renting of a room or rooms at a property, does not meet the DECD Enrolment Policy criteria. A child or student’s zoned school is determined according to their permanent and primary place of residence. One or two rooms does not constitute a permanent and primary place of residence. Families must therefore rent an entire property in order for it to be considered their permanent primary place of residence.

Statutory Declarations are not considered to be sufficient documentation in this regard.

Sibling Rights Rule

Where a sibling currently attends Nailsworth Primary school, enrolment is guaranteed.

Half brothers and sisters are blood relatives and therefore, as per the DECD Sibling Rights rule, are also guaranteed enrolment.

Step brothers and sisters, who are not blood relatives can only be guaranteed entry to the same school as their step siblings if they are residing at the same primary place of residence as the step siblings who also attend Nailsworth Primary School.

If a break in attendance of that family occurs at the school for more than 12 months, then sibling rights no longer applies.

Right of Return

Where students have been enrolled and Nailsworth Primary School and they cease their enrolment with that school, they have a right of return to the Nailsworth Primary School for a period of 12 months.
Out of Zone Students
There may be some times of the year and / or in some year levels where out of zone students can gain an enrolment place. This is most likely to occur at the beginning of a school year.
Out of Zone Families can register an interest in enrolling in Nailsworth Primary by submitting the following information to the school office:

- names of their children
- dates of birth and year levels of children
- residential address
- family contact details,

Once this information is received, students will be placed a ‘waiting list’.
Where possible, out of zone families will receive notification regarding an enrolment place by the beginning of Term 4 of the year before, they are seeking to enrol.

Where there are ‘spare’ enrolment places and numbers of out of zone families seeking a place, a selection will be made based on the following DECD criteria:

Out of Zone Selection Criteria
Selection Criteria
Criterion 1 – Distance
Students that reside closer to the school will have enrolment priority of those that live further away.
Criterion 2 – Curriculum
Students that have specific curriculum needs not meet at their current school.
Criterion 3 – Social and Family Links
Students that have particular kinship or extended family links to students already attending the school or current friendship/peer groups.
Criterion 4 – Transport/Location Convenience
If Nailsworth Primary is closer to their residence that their current school.

It should be noted that the length of time on the ‘waiting list’ is not used in determining enrolment places.

ZONE
The approved zone for Nailsworth Primary School can be found on the school website.
In summary it is the area bounded by:
Main North Road,
Regency Road,
Hampstead Road
Main North East Road
Nottage Terrace.

It primarily encompasses the suburbs of Sefton Park, parts of Broadview, Nailsworth, Collinswood and Medinide Gardens

There is also consideration of a shared zone area with Prospect Primary.
This area is bounded by Main North Road, Farrant Street and Da Casta Avenue in Prospect with the western boundary weaving in and out of Prospect.
For more information on the zoned area, please contact the school.