Enrolment Policy

Children are entitled to be enrolled at the government school that is designated for the intake area in which the child's home is situated and that the child is eligible to attend.

Parents may seek to enrol their child at the school of their choice.

No person will be discriminated against in enrolment on the grounds of their sex, age, race, religion, ethnicity, disability or sexual preference.

Enrolment Ceiling and Buffer

Jesmond Public School has an enrolment ceiling that has been established based on the available permanent accommodation. Within this ceiling, a buffer has been determined to ensure the new local students arriving throughout the year can be accommodated. Places within the buffer are offered to non-local students.

Jesmond Public School's enrolment ceiling for mainstream classes is 176. A buffer of 6 places will be kept to accommodate local students arriving throughout the year. Places in the buffer will not be offered to non local students.

Non-local Enrolment Applications

Where demand for non-local places exceeds availability the school will establish a placement panel to consider all non-local enrolment applications. The panel will comprise the Principal (or nominee), a staff representative and a school community member (nominated by the school council).

Criteria for Consideration for Non-Local Enrolment Applications

- Siblings already enrolled at the school.
- Proximity and access to the school.
- Medical and compassionate reasons

Application for enrolment may be declined if placement generates demand for extra staff or creates disruption to school routine and organisation.
Special Needs

Where a student with special needs applies for enrolment, a full assessment of the student’s needs will be required to determine the ability of the school to effectively meet the child’s needs.

Feedback

Parents will be provided with an explanation of the decision of the placement panel.

Waiting Lists

Waiting lists may be established for non-local students. Parents should be advised if their child is to be placed on a waiting list. Waiting lists are current for one year.

Appeals

Where a parent wishes to appeal against the decision of the placement panel, the appeal should be made in writing to the principal.

Jacqueline Howard

School Principal