

Gladstone Park Secondary College – Enrolment Zone Trial

If you have a question about the enrolment zone trial at Gladstone Park Secondary College, the answer could be here.

WHY IS THERE A TRIAL ZONE AT GLADSTONE PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE?

It is designed to improve access for families living close to the school by ensuring a place at Gladstone Park Secondary College.

The school boundary has been extended to Somerton Road to the north and will include families living in the area bounded between the reserve on the eastern side and Section Road on the western side of Greenvale.

The North-Western Victoria Region is monitoring the impact on enrolments at Gladstone Park Secondary College as part of the trial.

Please visit Gladstone Park Secondary College's website to access a copy of the new trial zone map.
<http://gladstoneparksc.vic.edu.au/>.

There has been some minor impact on the designated neighbourhood boundaries of Hume Central and Roxburgh Park Secondary Colleges. Please refer to their websites for further details about their enrolment policies and boundaries.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLMENT?

The initial enrolment zone trial was for students enrolling as Year 7 students only. From June 2018, the trial has been expanded so that the eligibility criteria includes:

- all Year 7 students in the enrolment zone trial area are eligible
- siblings in years 8-12, who live at the same permanent address, of students currently attending Gladstone Park Secondary College are eligible for enrolment
- any students older than Year 7 in the trial zone will be considered on compassionate grounds
- curriculum grounds will be restricted to limited places in the CLIL program for Year 7

HOW LONG WILL THE TRIAL RUN?

The enrolment zone trial will remain in place until 2020 to monitor the impact for families and schools within the Gladstone Park area.

CAN STUDENTS TRANSFER TO GLADSTONE PARK IF ALREADY ENROLLED AT ANOTHER LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOL?

Yes, students can transfer to Gladstone Park Secondary College providing they meet the June 2018 eligibility criteria.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR ENROLMENT?

Families with students in Grade 6, who are applying for a place in Year 7 for the 2019 school year, will receive the relevant documentation through your primary school Transition Coordinator. The Year 7 Placement Forms are issued by DET and returned to your primary school by the specified date.

Families with students in Years 8 – 12 who are seeking enrolment should contact the school directly with an enrolment enquiry.

HOW IS PERMANENT PLACE OF ADDRESS DEFINED FOR ENROLMENT?

Permanent place of address is the address a child permanently resides at with a custodial parent or legal guardian at the time of enrolment. Proof of permanent place of address will require families to supply appropriate evidence and in some case a Statutory Declaration.

I LIVE OUTSIDE OF A SCHOOL'S ENROLMENT BOUNDARY. CAN I STILL APPLY FOR ENTRY?

Yes, you may apply for entry to the school. The Department of Education's placement criteria will determine acceptance of your enrolment application.

WHAT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON SCHOOL ENROLMENTS?

The enrolment policy states that all students are entitled to enrol at their designated neighbourhood government school. All schools in Victoria have a designated neighbourhood area.

The *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* underpins the Department of Education and Training (DET) enrolment policy which can be found at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/Pages/azindexe.aspx>

DET's Designated Neighbourhood School policy states:

The designated neighbourhood school is the school that is nearest the student's permanent residence, unless the regional director:

- *needs to restrict new enrolments at a school*
- *has designated the neighbourhood boundaries for the school.*

For Gladstone Park Secondary College this policy has been varied as outlined in this factsheet.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

You can contact the Gladstone Park Secondary College on (03) 9933 0500 or the DET North-Western Victoria Regional office on (03) 9488 9488 if you have questions about the trial.

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