

Gladstone Park Secondary College – Year 7 Enrolment Zone Trial

If you have a question about the enrolment zone trial in 2018 at Gladstone Park Secondary College, the answer could be here.

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.*

HOW DO I APPLY FOR ENROLMENT?

Families with students in Grade 6, who are applying for a place in Year 7 for the 2018 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.

Enrolment is directed by Government legislation and Departmental policy on school enrolments which can be found in the School Policy and Advisory Guide at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/participation/pages/placement.aspx>

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Gladstone Park's enrolment policy reflects the Priority Order of Placement clause in the DET policy. Where there is insufficient accommodation at a school for all students who seek entry, students are enrolled in the following priority order:

1. *Students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school.*
2. *Students with a sibling at the same permanent address who are attending the school at the same time.*
3. *Where the regional director has restricted the enrolment, students who reside nearest to the school.*
4. *Students seeking enrolment on specific curriculum grounds.*
5. *All other students in order of closeness of their home to the school.*
6. *In exceptional circumstances, compassionate grounds.*

WHY IS THERE A TRIAL ZONE AT GLADSTONE PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE FOR 2018 ENROLMENTS?

The trial will take effect for Year 7 student enrolments in 2018 and is designed to improve access for families living close to the school by ensuring a place at Gladstone Park Secondary College.

A revised enrolment zone has been designated for Gladstone Park Secondary College for the trial period. The new trial zone will replace the current designated neighbourhood school area.

In the case of the Gladstone Park Secondary College enrolment zone trial, the school boundary has been extended to Somerton Road to the north and will include families living in the area bounded between the creek on the eastern side and Section Road on the western side of Greenvale.

The North-Western Victoria Region will evaluate 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 will be 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

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

The zone trial is for students applying for entry into Year 7 in 2018. Other enrolments will be subject to the above placement criteria.

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 above placement criteria will determine acceptance of your enrolment application.

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 or are applying for a place in Year 7 for 2018.

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