

East Doncaster Secondary College Enrolment Criteria & Principles

Families considering moving into the school neighbourhood area are strongly advised to contact the College to clarify enrolment options.

At this time the College has an enrolment ceiling and as such only students who satisfy requirements for us to be their nearest neighbourhood school are guaranteed entry to the college. Please refer to the information below for clarification of enrolment criteria.

* The information is current and up-to-date as of February 2015, and remains so until further notice

East Doncaster Secondary College is a State Secondary School bound by the Neighbourhood Schools policy. For families seeking enrolment into the College the following guiding principles underpin the policy and the College's enrolment process and requirements.

- » To provide each child with the right to a place in a designated neighbourhood school
- » Wherever practical, to provide parents with the opportunity to enrol their child in the same school as that being attended by an older brother or sister who resides permanently at the same address
- » To contain enrolments in each school within the limits of available resources

Enrolment Criteria

Where an enrolment is being considered the following criteria and notes apply:

- » Nearest Neighbourhood School - The designated neighbourhood school is defined as the secondary school which is nearest to the student's permanent residential address measured in a straight line distance.
- » New enrolments may be accepted where proof of residency within the neighbourhood area is established.
- » An enrolling student will live permanently with his or her parent(s) [1]
- » Applications to transfer from neighbouring schools on residential criteria may not be granted
- » The College should be contacted before accommodation arrangements in the school neighbourhood area are finalised to clarify if the property is in the neighbourhood area and that the College has available spaces
- » Property or Lease documents must be under the parent's name. The minimum leasing arrangement is 12 months through a Registered Estate Agent and must be concurrent to the year of enrolment [2]
- » Proof of residency must be determined before the enrolment process can begin. It is the responsibility of the parent to demonstrate to the college's satisfaction that they are permanent residence of the neighbourhood. Families are required to present documentation that proves they are living in the property such as utility bills/connection notices, removalist account, and must include a driver's licence (indicating address in School neighbourhood area)

» Students who have a permanent residential address within the school neighbourhood area [3] are to maintain accurate updated student, family and residency records

» Sibling applications, whilst being given a high priority, may not be granted if the family resides outside the neighbourhood area

» Where the student is coming from an English Language Centre, East Doncaster Secondary College will complete an English assessment to determine the readiness for enrolment. If the student is deemed not ready the College will support the student to enrol in further intensive learning of English

N.B. In a limited number of cases students may be enrolled on compassionate grounds where there are significant family or individual circumstances. This decision is entirely at the discretion of the Principal.

Notes: -

[1] Staying with a relative or friend does not qualify as "permanent" resident. Guardianship is not a criterion for enrolment unless supported by the relevant papers endorsed by the Family Law Court or a Statutory Declaration.

[2] Permanent residential address will be considered to be the primary property (owned/mortgaged) over a leased property within the College's neighbourhood area. Documentation must be provided on investment properties as part of the enrolment process.

[3] It is the family's responsibility to immediately notify the College if details change during an enrolment period and/or when details change after the student has commenced at the school.

Permanent residency in the school neighbourhood area

East Doncaster Secondary College has the expectation that the family will remain permanent residents within the school neighbourhood area for the duration of their child's/children's education at East Doncaster Secondary College.

The requirement of permanent residency in the school neighbourhood area will be actively monitored and enforced. Therefore should a family move out of the school neighbourhood area beyond neighbouring schools the parent/guardian may be required to enrol their child in the "new" neighbourhood school at the end of semester or school year. Parents are advised to contact the College to discuss changing their residential address to outside the neighbourhood area.

Enrolment constraints

Firstly the College continues to experience growth in its school population. The increase in numbers has been particularly exacerbated by the number of families moving into the school neighbourhood area as well as the increase in the number of rental properties.

Secondly, the College has recently completed its Sports Centre development project and is currently renovating our hall to be a Performing Arts Centre but has limited space for enrolment growth. It is not expected. It is unlikely for there to be a further increase in teaching and learning spaces at this time.

Questions can be directed to the general office by phone on 9842 2244.