Locating a New South Wales Government School

Students from countries around the world enrol in New South Wales government schools every year. New South Wales government schools offer a world-class standard of education from the largest education provider in Australia.

Before selecting a New South Wales government school, please note that temporary residents are not eligible to enrol in Selective High Schools including Agricultural High Schools, the selective component of Comprehensive High Schools and Opportunity (OC) classes in Primary Schools and are generally not eligible to enrol in the Conservatorium High School.

Each New South Wales public school has a defined local enrolment area. This means each student is designated to a particular school based on the residential address of the primary caregiver.

A parent may apply to enrol a student at a school outside the local enrolment area. Non-local applications may be considered by the school's enrolment panel, according to the department's policy and subject to selection criteria such as availability of appropriate staff and classroom accommodation.

Please call the school you may be considering for enrolment to confirm if your current residential address is within the designated intake area for that school or whether an out of area application may be required.

A school locator within our website will assist you in locating a school nearest to your permanent residential address in New South Wales.

The school locator can be accessed at www.decinternational.nsw.edu.au/search/schools. The search result will indicate all the New South Wales government schools based within the locality, postcode or region that you have selected.

If you require a postcode for a particular suburb, please click here to use the Australia Post postcode search facility.