



# MOUNT AUSTIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Enrolment Policy

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to provide information for the community and direction for school personnel on the entitlements, requirements and procedure for the enrolment of students at Mount Austin Public School.

### **Rationale:**

Mt Austin Public School is situated in the suburb of Mt Austin in the city of Wagga Wagga. The school is the educational setting for students from the following feeder zone:

- Starting at the corner of Pinaroo Drive and Fernleigh Road, east along Fernleigh Road to Mt Austin Avenue,
- South along Mt Austin Avenue, (western side) to McDonough Avenue.
- East along the southern side of McDonough Avenue, Monash Crescent and Doyle Street to Mimosa Drive.
- South along Mimosa Drive, north to the reserve and south to Leavenworth Drive.
- West along Leavenworth Drive to Bourke Street.
- North along the eastern side of Pinaroo Drive to Fernleigh Road.

The school currently has 20 permanent classrooms serving an enrolment of 270 students including a special education class. Current enrolments warrant the use of 13 classrooms only, however there are no limiting factors to the accommodation of 15 classes.

The principal and School Education Director determines the ceiling student population and the total buffer figure. It was determined on 21/7/97 that the total enrolment figure be 460 students. No out of zone students will be enrolled after the school student population has reached 445 or after census day in the third week of Term 1.

### **Key Policy Statements:**

- Children are entitled to be enrolled at the government school that is designated for the intake area within which the child's home is situated and the child is eligible to attend.
- The Department of Education and Training through a process involving consultation between Asset Management and the Director Public Schools NSW determine school local areas as stated above.
- Schools are required to set an enrolment number to cater for anticipated local demand and to seek to ensure that every eligible local child has a place at his or her local school if they choose to attend.
- Schools are required to have a written policy, which states the grounds on which non-local enrolments will be accepted.
- The primary criteria for acceptance of non-local enrolments will include the availability of appropriate staff and permanent classroom accommodation.

### **Out of zone enrolments:**

In considering an Out of zone application, a panel, including the principal, 1 staff member and 1 community representative, will consider the suitability of the applications and rank them on the number of criteria met.

A waiting list will be established for non-local students. Parents will be advised in writing if their child is to be placed on it and will be valid for one year.

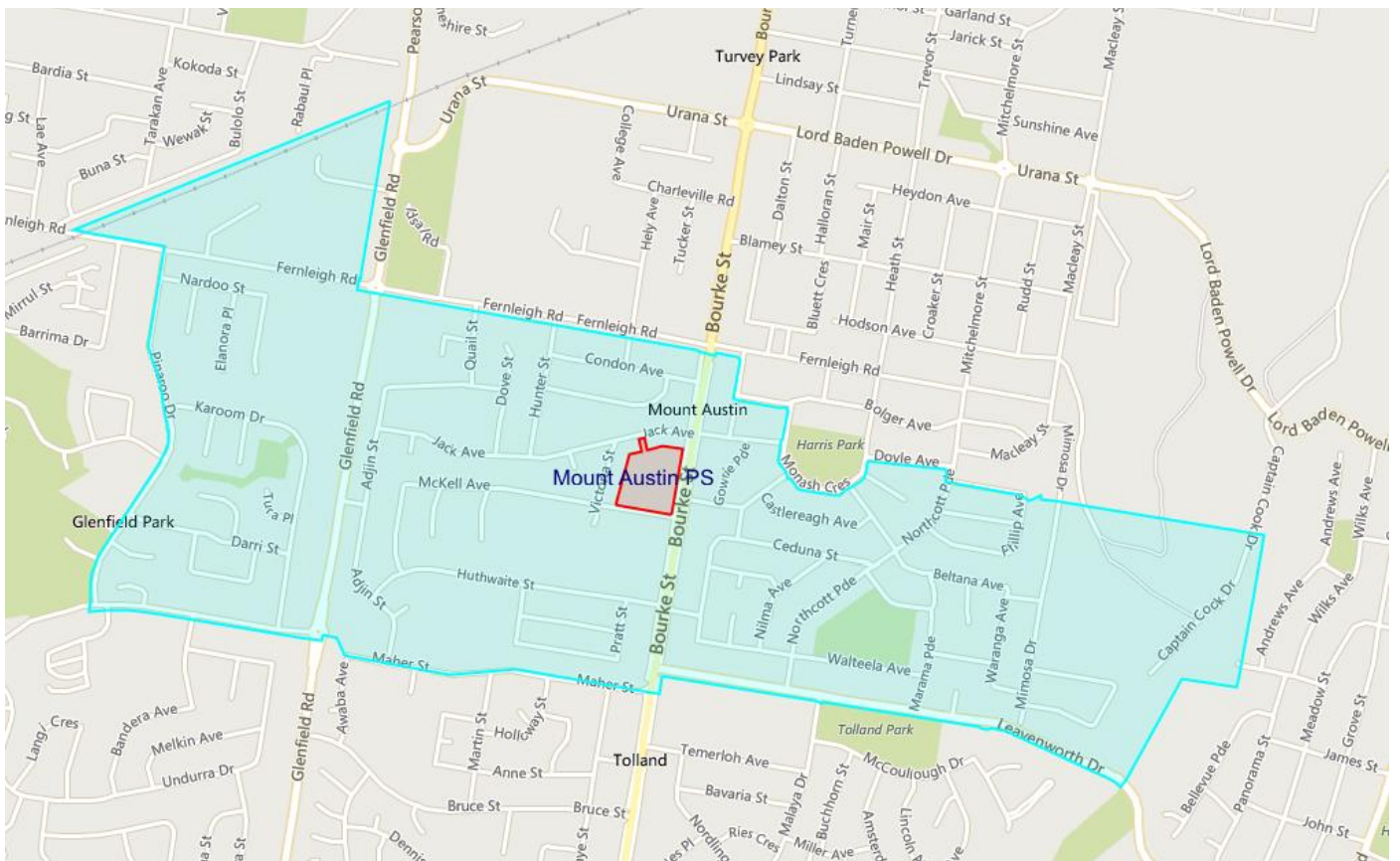
## Criteria:

- Child's age
- After school care arranged in the school zone.
- Parent's workplace is within the school zone.
- Either or both parents are ex-students
- Siblings already enrolled at the school
- Proximity and access to the school the residential address and availability of local buses servicing the school.
- Special interests and abilities. Parents should how the school's curriculum would enhance their child's special interest or abilities.
- Structures and Organisation of the school. Explain how the structure and organisation of the school advantages your child.

## Appeals:

Should parents wish to appeal against the panel's decision not to enrol their child; the following procedure will be followed:

- The parent sends a written appeal to the principal
- The principal will discuss the appeal with the placement panel.
- The principal will send the appeal to the School Education Director with relevant comments/reasons for the decision.



## References:

DET – Enrolment of Students in Government Schools: A Summary and Consolidation of Policy – August 1997

MAPS – Enrolment Policy – 2017 Drafted by Anna Middleton 30/03/17