

Out of Catchment

Enrolment of students from outside the local catchment area will be managed to ensure that the total current and forecast enrolments do not exceed the schools current built capacity and where applicable will ensure there is an even spread of students across year levels or class groupings.

Families may apply to be considered for out of catchment enrolment where they meet one or more of the criteria listed below. The criteria are in order of importance for consideration.

Enrolment Criteria

Students who reside outside the schools local catchment boundary who apply for enrolment at the school will be put on a waiting list in order of receipt of application. Where there is spare capacity, students may be enrolled from the waiting list based on the following criteria:

1. Children and young people who are subject to child protection orders that grant guardianship or custody to the Chief executive Officer of the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (Child Safety Services).
2. Siblings of current students at the school (excluding siblings of Program of Excellence).
3. Students whose parent or legal guardian is employed by the school.
4. Students requesting enrolment in the school differentiated educational programs developed in response to the schools unique character, location and staff expertise. Documented evidence and/or interview will be required for the defined number of places in such program. In Years 7/8 the program is the Academic Excellence XL7/XL8 (for students with very strong academic profiles). Students in Years 7 to 12 can apply/audition for the following Excellence Programs: SoFA, AODI and Excellence in Digital (Digi X). Students whose demonstrated leadership skills and abilities and/or participation in extracurricular, community or school based events will enhance the culture and tone of Ormeau Woods State High School. Documentary evidence and/or interview will be required for the defined number of places in such programs.
5. Special Consideration

To be considered, a family writes a letter of 'Appeal against Catchment' which addresses the specific criteria under which they are applying. Where possible copies of supporting documentation should be included (semester reports, competitions, certificates and awards etc). These should either be emailed to info@ormeauwoodsshs.eq.edu.au or delivered to the Executive Services building at Ormeau Woods State High School.

The final decision on an appeal is made by the Appeals committee.

Parents will be notified of the outcome in writing.