

MAWSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN (SEMP)

Purpose

As enrolment pressures are anticipated at Mawson Primary School, it has developed a School Enrolment Management Plan (SEMP) in consultation with our South Weston School Network Leader and the Office for Schools.

Mawson Primary School's Priority Enrolment Area

Mawson Primary School's Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) includes the suburbs of Mawson, O'Malley, Isaacs and Philip. Philip is a shared PEA with Garran Primary School. For more detail, go to the following website

Information about priority enrolment areas can be found at

https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school.

The school Principal will endeavour to hold places for those students who relocate to within the PEA throughout the school year.

Capacity of School

Mawson Primary School currently has capacity for 458 students from K to 6 in 20 class spaces. There is also a library space, an Environment Centre and an LSU with capacity for 8 students. Enrolment of students from outside the PEA will only be considered for the Mandarin Immersion classes within the context of the criteria for entry into the Mandarin Immersion Program and if there are spaces available.

School Enrolment Limit

The school allows spaces for those students who move into the PEA throughout the year. Consequently the school is required to set a first round limit to allow for those additional students.

Preschool is the initial year of entry and has a capacity of 84 students in three classes. The enrolment limit for the first round of enrolments is 80.

Criteria for Enrolment into Mawson Primary School

1. Student resides in the PEA (Priority Enrolment Area)
2. Student who is a sibling of student/s already enrolled
3. Out of PEA student's wellbeing is subject to special consideration
4. Out of PEA student who wishes to enrol in the MIP program (ONLY if spaces are available)

Considerations for Enrolment into the Mandarin Immersion Program

Mawson Primary School offers two Mandarin Immersion classes in Kindergarten. 50% of the curriculum is taught in Mandarin and the other 50% in English. Entry into the MIP class is through expression of interest.

Non Priority Area enrolments into the MIP program will be considered if there are places available. Considerations for entry into the Mandarin Immersion Program for non-PEA students will include

whether students can demonstrate suitability to a bilingual Mandarin / English program through prior knowledge of the language, parental commitment to the school's Mandarin / English bilingual program, active support of current siblings in the bilingual program and / or any other relevant supporting evidence including students who are native Mandarin speakers or students who have a Mandarin speaking parent or family member.

Supporting documentation addressing these criteria is required for all non-PEA enrolments and an interview with the Principal may also be required.

Note: All applications must provide proof of residency in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). It is highly unlikely given current demand for places at Mawson Primary School that students from NSW will be considered.

Preschool in years with high and excess demand

In consultation with local area schools, the Mawson Primary School Principal will:

- nominate local area schools that have identified capacity and
- develop appropriate strategies to accommodate all students.

Appeal Process

A letter of review by unsuccessful applicants to the MIP program can be forwarded to the school's Enrolments Review Committee (Principal or Principal's delegate, nominated Board member, Executive Teacher) for further consideration by the last day of Term 2.

The Review and Appeals Process is available in all schools. Parents who have been unable to gain an offer of acceptance are able to access a Review, Appeals Process and finally the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Parents should seek a formal review of their application prior to the submission of any appeal.

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