



CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office on 9569 5820.

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community how we manage requests for class placements, for the following school year.

POLICY

The process that Malvern Valley Primary School works through to plan each student's class placement begins months before the end of the school year. We understand that in certain situations, parents and carers may like to request that their child be placed with a particular friend or in a particular class.

Requests for placement with friends

Malvern Valley Primary School recognises the importance of fostering and maintaining friendship groups. We also understand that it is equally important for students to mix and learn with peers who have different interests.

The Principal will formally inform parents early in fourth term of their ability to make requests for friendships and separations based on extenuating circumstances. Requests for class placements must be made in writing, outlining who you would like your child to be placed with or separated from and why. Requests should be addressed to the Principal. These requests will be considered, not guaranteed.

Students will be given the opportunity to nominate a minimum of four classmates they wish to be in class with the following year. This list will be taken into account when placing students in classes, with at least one student on the list being placed in the same class.

Requests for placement with certain teachers

All teachers at Malvern Valley Primary School are caring and committed educators and Malvern Valley Primary School strives to ensure that all students are provided with a high quality education.

Whilst we appreciate that you may wish that your child would benefit from being placed in a class with a particular teacher, we are generally unable to accommodate these requests. Our school's leadership team has an in-depth understanding of each teacher's strengths and will always endeavour to place our students with teachers who are best placed to suit their needs. We do not re-allocate students to different classes during the school year, unless exceptional circumstances arise. Parents will be advised of the situation if it arises.

Requests for students to repeat a year level

Our school will follow the Department of Education and Training policy in the Department's *Policy and Advisory Library* on Year Level Movement – see [Repeating a Year Level](#) policy.

We will regularly promote students to the next year level and will exercise our professional expertise and judgment in relation to these matters. Students are only able to repeat a year level in exceptional circumstances where Malvern Valley Primary School considers it is required for the long-term benefit of the student e.g. considering their social, wellbeing and academic needs. We will ensure that parents/carers are advised of the options that we consider best meet individual student needs. Students will not repeat a year level without the consent of parents/carers.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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