

# Yarra Junction Primary School

School Number: 3216



## CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY

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**YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Yarra Junction Primary School's vision:** to develop each child's social, emotional and academic growth by promoting our students to be creative, curious and critical thinkers within an engaging and connected learning environment.

**Vision Statement:** We care, We inspire, We Achieve.

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## PURPOSE

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

## POLICY

The process that Yarra Junction 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 other students

Yarra Junction 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.

Prior to the end of the year students are asked to nominate five students from their year level that they would like to be with in the following year. Students are encouraged to select students who they feel promote their learning environment by making them feel safe and happy and who promote their learning. These requests are taken into consideration during the class placement process, with the intention to accommodate at least one student request. At the teacher's discretion, students may be able to request students in the year level above or below if composite classes are planned for the year ahead.

### Requests for placement with certain teachers

All teachers at Yarra Junction Primary School are caring and committed educators and strive 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 Principal 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.

## Parent requests

Parent requests for student placement are not encouraged as a professional lens is preferred. The principal will however accept in writing elements for consideration. These elements could include; preference for their child to not be placed with specific students, diagnosis (eg: ADHD), request for a different than the previous year for broader exposure of teaching styles or request for same teacher as previous year to continue to build on success. Please be mindful that though parent letters are accepted, staff at Yarra Junction Primary School will collaborate to construct classes by placing a professional lens on student placement with the aim of promoting their social and educational outcomes.

## Requests for students to repeat a year level

Our school will follow the Department of Education and Training policy in the *School Policy and Advisory Guide* on Year Level Movement – see [Attendance](#) 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 the Principal and teachers consider 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 to meet individual student needs. Students will not repeat a year level without the consent of parents/carers.