



# MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL

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## Information for Parents about Enrolment at Model Farms High School 2025

### Where do I find information from the Department of Education about enrolment in state government schools?

A comprehensive coverage of information relating to the process of enrolling in high schools can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/translated-documents-/moving-into-year-7/english-moving-into-year-7-EOI.pdf>

### How do I enrol in high school NSW?

Your child's primary school will provide instructions about the Expression of Interest process in Term 1 2024. *Parents will submit an expression of interest online or on paper, indicating the chosen high school for Year 7.*

### How do I know which school is my local High School?

The following link will take you to the School Finder. <https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au/>

A local enrolment is a student whose permanent residence is situated within the designated local enrolment or catchment area. The boundaries are determined by the Department of Education, not individual schools.

### What criteria are used to determine who is successful in gaining a place at Model Farms High School as a non-local applicant?

If after acceptances of local applications, vacancies still exist, the following criteria (not in priority order) will apply to non-local applications.

These **may** include (but do **not guarantee** the offer of a non-local placement):

- Siblings currently attending Model Farms High School
- Proximity to the school
- Compassionate circumstances
- Availability of subjects or combination of subjects (for students in Years 9-12)

All criteria will be considered equally in the application, however students with siblings attending MFHS on the first date of the anticipated enrolment should be given priority.



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## **What do I do if I am a Temporary Visa holder?**

Temporary residents may be enrolled at the school if the school can accommodate the enrolment. If a school is at capacity, temporary residents must be referred to the next available school/s with capacity. Temporary residents must submit an application to the Temporary Residents Program to enrol in a NSW Government school. Prior to enrolment, students require an Authority to Enrol (ATE) and payment of fees (if applicable).

<https://www.deinternational.nsw.edu.au/study-options/study-programs/temporary-residents#>

## **How do I find out more about Model Farms High School?**

For parents of Year 5/6 students anticipating, or exploring the option of sending their child to MFHS, the best place to start is our Open Night. During this event, we will outline the opportunities available to students at MFHS and provide detail on how to apply for a place. There will also be an opportunity to spend some time visiting teachers and classrooms to have one-on-one contact with our staff members.

## **Why do I need to prove where I live?**

All students have the right to attend their local primary or high school. A school's primary responsibility is for the education of students residing within the catchment as defined by the DoE. Placements for non-local students are subject to the availability of permanent accommodation within the school. Unfortunately, not everyone who applies for a position provides the correct and current information. The requirement for documentation to evidence an application as a local student is there to ensure that access to a place is based on the real and verifiable residential address of the applicant.

## **If my child goes to Matthew Pearce, Jasper Road, Winston Heights or Winston Hills Primary School will I automatically gain entry into Year 7 at Model Farms High School?**

No. Unlike many high schools, MFHS does not have one particular feeder primary school where the majority of its Year 7 students originate. Over many years MFHS has worked most strongly with the four primary schools which traditionally contribute the largest number of students. This partnership has been considered the strongest possible recommendation on behalf of the Principal from the primary school for placement at MFHS. There has never been any guarantee that students from these primary schools will automatically gain entry in MFHS. In the past, when demand for placement at MFHS was lower, it is true that the majority of applications were successful. MFHS is still strongly committed to our partnership with these schools, but attendance at one of these four schools does not guarantee entry.



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**If I disclose that my student has special circumstances, allergies, health or medical conditions will this impact on my student's application?**

No. This information has no bearing on the selection process whatsoever. The information is needed to enable us to plan effectively for the student's integration into high school. Failure to disclose important information of this nature may adversely impact on our ability to provide the resources and care required for your student's wellbeing.

**Where can I get more information on Model Farms High School's Enrolment Policy?**

Detailed information can be found on the school's website.