

CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY

PURPOSE

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

POLICY

The process that Skene Street Specialist 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

Skene Street Specialist 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.

If you would like to request that your child be placed in a class with a particular friend or friends, please ensure that you make this request by November of the year prior so that we can consider your request in organising our classes for the following year.

Requests for class placements must be made in writing, outlining who you would like your child to be placed with and why. Requests can be addressed to the principal.

We will not always be able to accommodate class placement requests but will endeavour to take your wishes into consideration where possible.

Requests for placement with certain teachers

All teachers at Skene Street Specialist School are caring and committed educators and Skene Street Specialist 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 generally do not consider these requests, unless there are extenuating circumstances. Our school's teaching 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.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	May 2022
Approved by	Principal
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