

Inner Sydney High School

Enrolment Guidelines

The Inner Sydney High School enrolment guidelines are based on the current Department of Education Policy document, <https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>.

School Context

Inner Sydney High School has a designated intake area called a catchment or enrolment area. Students residing within the catchment are eligible to attend Inner Sydney High School. Families residing outside the designated intake area who wish to have their child considered for enrolment into Inner Sydney High School must make an out-of-area enrolment application. Please refer to the NSW Public School Finder Tool for the Inner Sydney High School enrolment area at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>

Year 6 into Year 7 Enrolment for 2026

Parents of students enrolled in a NSW public school, need to follow the procedures provided by their current primary school for submitting an online or paper Expression of Interest Form. Students enrolled in a non-government primary school seeking to enrol into Inner Sydney High School will need to follow the guidelines set by the Department of Education. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment>

In-Area Enrolment:

An in-area enrolment is a student who possesses the required documentary evidence that proves their permanent residence is located within the designated intake enrolment area. All new enrolments must provide proof of residential address through the documentary evidence required by this school.

To enrol your child at Inner Sydney High School for the commencement of the new school year, your residential address must be within the catchment zone for the school.

In-area applicants will submit their EOI online as guided by their current Primary School or if at a non-government primary school, complete an online application via our school website.

Proof of permanent residence

Inner Sydney High School will collect all online information and contact all parents and carers to request the following documents to be returned for an application to be processed by the school:

- Documents which confirm your permanent residential address is within the Inner Sydney High School in-area catchment.

You will be required to provide the following documents to support your listed permanent residential address.

One (1) of the following:

- Current **Council Rates Notice** and proof of payment OR
- **Current 12-month Rental Lease Agreement** through a registered real estate agent & rental bond certificate (issued by Department of Fair Trading) OR
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Any **four (4)** of the following documents:

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- Investment properties
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Supporting Documents

- Copies of school reports for at least the last 12 months.
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- The name on the documentation must be in the name of the legal guardian.
- To establish guardianship, the school will need photo identification, papers from the Guardianship Board or Family Law Court, if living with an adult other than a parent or in the case of parental separation.
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Out-of-Area Enrolment:

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Places for out-of-area applicants will be considered in relation to enrolment numbers for the whole school and each academic year which can vary for different year groups, given:

1. the number of permanent teaching spaces available;
(Please note: no additional accommodation – permanent or demountable – will be provided to the school to cater for increased enrolments resulting from out-of-area placements); and
2. that a sufficient enrolment buffer, determined by the department, be left to accommodate possible new in-area enrolments arriving throughout the schoolyear.

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Selection Criteria

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Placement Panel

A placement panel will be formed by the Principal. This panel will be chaired by the Deputy Principal and will include one staff member and one school community member. The panel will meet in Term 2 to discuss and reconcile all applications into a unified rank order. The panel will assess the degree to which each applicant meets the criteria, relative to all of the other out of area applications.

Waiting list

Out-of-area placements at Inner Sydney High School is a competitive process and based on the evidence provided, applicants will be ranked to identify those selected for out-of-area enrolment and for placement on a waiting list.

Appeals

If a parent or carer wishes to appeal against the decision of the school placement panel, the appeal should be made in writing to the Principal who will seek to resolve the matter. If the matter is not resolved, the Director, Educational Leadership will consider the appeal and make a determination. The Director will consult with the Principal and the school community, as necessary. The purpose of the appeal is to determine whether the stated criteria have been applied fairly.

Appeals will be assessed in relation to all applications previously considered. The process at Inner Sydney High School will be thorough, exhaustive and fair to all applicants. The procedures are transparent, while upholding the confidentiality of each student's application and submitted documents.

Year 7 to 12 Enrolment for 2025 and Year 8 to 12 Enrolment for 2026

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