

Guthrie Street Primary School Enrolment Policy

BACKGROUND

Guthrie Street Primary School has long been the school of choice for Shepparton families. A steady increase in enrolment numbers between 2000 and 2010 led to the Department of Education and Training placing an enrolment ceiling of 500 students on our school. This decision was made following a site analysis that compared the building to free space ratio for the school and, also took into account that the school was bordered by four roads and was unable to increase its land size. In 2011 School Council supported the introduction of an enrolment ceiling as it ensured that:

- students had an appropriate sized play-space to engage in and enjoy
- teachers had the opportunity to form relationships with students both in their classroom and across the school.
- Principal Class and Student Learning Coordinators had a personalised understanding of the learning needs of each individual student.
- students knew not only the faces but the names of all those who walk through the Guthrie Street school gates.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The Principal of Guthrie Street Primary School has been directed to manage all future enrolments using the following priority order:

- All students who reside within our designated neighbourhood will be provided with a place at our school upon proof of residence* (map attached) or please go to: <u>https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/</u>
- Any child living outside the designated neighbourhood whose residential address is closer in distance (by road) to Guthrie Street Primary School than any other Government Primary School will be provided with a place at the school. Hence, these boundaries are always subject to review because of changing demographics. Any prospective enrolments who reside outside the DNB can be accepted from the start of Term 3, ie. mid July.
- All prospective students with a sibling attending Guthrie Street currently, and of the same residential address, will be provided with a place at the school.
- If additional places are available, they will be offered in order of closeness from the student's home to Guthrie Street.
- It is acknowledged that in exceptional circumstances students may be enrolled on compassionate grounds and/or an alternative school may be appropriate, if Guthrie Street Primary School is not your designated neighbourhood school please contact The Principal.
- Returning ex-Guthrie Street students must reside in the zone.

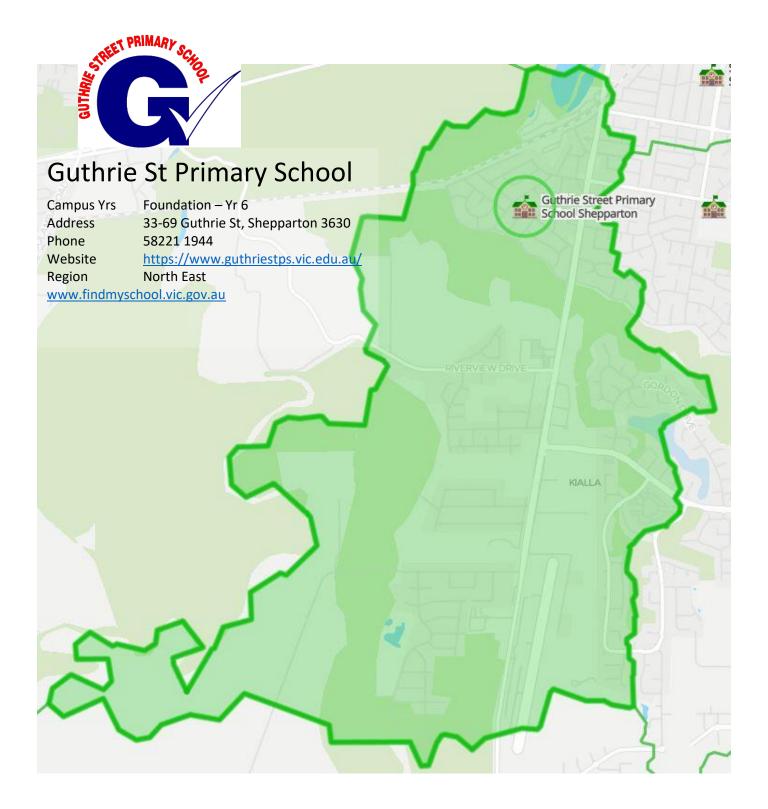
*Note: For an enrolment to be processed families must present proof of home ownership, a 12 month lease agreement or other relevant documents that offer proof of residence.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Kinder to Foundation enrolments will open in May each year.
- Enrolment for families moving into our designated neighbourhood from outside Shepparton can occur during the school year.
- Enrolment for families who are currently enrolled at another local Shepparton school can occur at the start of term 1 or term 3 only (as per Shepparton Schools Agreement).
- The parent/guardian and the child will be interviewed by a Principal Class member prior to enrolment to ascertain an appropriate year level and learning program.
- The enrolment procedures of the school will take account of all requirements of laws relating to discrimination, equal opportunity, privacy and immunisation.
- It will be an inclusive school and it will provide programs for all enrolees. A Disability and Impairment Program will cater for students who have special learning needs.
- International students will be enrolled in a manner consistent with the guidelines for enrolment of international students of the Department of Education and Training.
- As a school within the Victorian public school sector, our school will comply with all government and department enrolment requirements.

THIS POLICY WAS RATIFIED by SCHOOL COUNCIL April 2022

GUTHRIE ST PRIMARY SCHOOL DESIGNATED ZONE



Proof of Residence must be provided.

The following documents will be acceptable depending on:

- Own home Utility account, ie phone, electricity, gas
- Recent purchase of new home Letter/Contract from Real Estate Agent
- Renting 12 month lease agreement

If the zone line intersects the block of land containing your residence, then you have a right to attend either school.