NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Temporary Residents Program

FACT SHEET: ACADEMIC YEAR PLACEMENT

Contents

This fact sheet contains information about the academic year placement for students in NSW government schools.

Introduction

Education is mandatory in NSW for children between the age of 6 and the minimum school leaving age. The minimum school leaving age is the age at which the child completes Year 10 of secondary education, or the age of 17 years, whichever first occurs.

Academic year placement decisions

- The Temporary Residents Program does not decide on the academic year for your child.
- The school principal or authorised staff member will determine the academic year for your child.
- The school may assess year placement based on your child's age and previous education.
- The school may assess your child at the meeting/interview stage of the application process.
- Table 1 is a general guide to the academic year your child may be enrolled based on age.
- If you have a dispute about the academic year placement, discuss this with the school principal.

Table 1

Child age on 31 July 2026	Estimated year placement in 2026
4	No enrolment
5	Kindergarten (Primary School)
6	Year 1 (Primary School)
7	Year 2 (Primary School)
8	Year 3 (Primary School)
9	Year 4 (Primary School)
10	Year 5 (Primary School)
11	Year 6 (Primary School)
12	Year 7 (High School)
13	Year 8 (High School)
14	Year 9 (High School)
15	Year 10 (High School)
16	Year 11 (High School)
17	Year 12 (High School)
18	No enrolment *

* Schools are primarily established to provide education for children and young people. The education and training of an adult is primarily delivered by non-school provision including TAFE and adult and community education. Students over 18 should discuss their proposed enrolment with the school principal.

Need more information

Find out more about the Temporary Residents Program at deinternational.nsw.edu.au/trp or call our Customer Service Team on 1300 300 229 (then option 1).

Find out more about going to a NSW government school at education.nsw.gov.au/public=schools/going-to-a-public-school.

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