



BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY

Rationale:

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

Aims:

The process that Ballam Park Primary 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.

Implementation:

Policy

Requests for placement with friends

Ballam Park Primary 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.

Requests for class placements must be made in writing (to the Principal), 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 Ballam Park Primary School are caring and committed educators and Ballam Park Primary 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 are [generally] unable to [accommodate] [consider] these requests. Our school's [leadership 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.

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