



Enrolment Policy

Compulsory school requirements

- All children living in SA must be enrolled and attend a school from the age of 6 until they turn 16 years of age. This is known as the compulsory school age pursuant to the Education Act 1972 (SA).
- Parents/guardians may be subject to penalties if it is found that a child or young person of compulsory school age is not enrolled in a school and does not have an approved exemption from attending school.

All compulsory school age children or young people are able to enrol in a government school provided the child or young person resides in SA, and:

- has Australian citizenship or permanent residency, or
- a student with a relevant specified visa or Immicard. Enrolment is subject to certain conditions, which may include payment of student fees. See International Education.
- Other persons, such as children or young people who are pre and post compulsory school age, adult students, or children who reside outside of SA may be considered for enrolment where specific requirements are met, as determined by the Minister.

Starting school

Government schools have one intake per year for children starting in Reception in term 1. The parents/guardians of a child under the age of 6 years can enrol in a government school if:

- the child has turned 5 years of age before 1 May; the child can start school the first day of term 1 of that school year
- the child has turned 5 years of age on or after 1 May; the child can start school the first day of term 1 of the following school year.
- A child must be enrolled at a school by their 6th birthday. It is recommended a child who will turn 6 years of age during the school year start school on the first day of term 1 of that school year.

Special consideration

Outside of the above conditions, a child will only be considered for early entry to school in exceptional circumstances where the Minister is satisfied that it is in the child's best interest and has approved that the child should be enrolled and attend a government school. Requests for exceptional circumstances are assessed on a case by case basis, and must be recommended by the department, via the local Education Director.

Information required at admission

When a child or young person is admitted to a school parents/guardians must provide the following particulars on a departmental enrolment form:

- the name of the child
- the date of birth of the child
- the place of residence of the child, and
- any other particulars as are required on the enrolment form.

In addition, a parent/guardian is requested to provide copies of:

- any family law or other relevant court orders
- relevant visas (or schools may seek permission to access Visa Entitlement Verification Online)
- medical and/or health care plans

When a child or young person is transferring from interstate or overseas, parents/guardians are advised to provide copies of documentation outlining student achievement levels and education history to assist in determining year level placement.

Documentary evidence

Schools must request appropriate documentary evidence to support the particulars listed above about a child or young person before finalising the student's enrolment application.

- the child or young person's official birth certificate or extract
- a passport, or travel document such as a visa, citizenship certificate or ImmiCard
- Centrelink or other official government documentation stating the child or young person's name and birth date.

For parents/guardians who own their residence, they must provide:

- a copy of the contract of sale for the property (or a recent council rates notice) and
- a recent gas or electricity bill for that property.

For parents/guardians who rent their residence, they must provide:

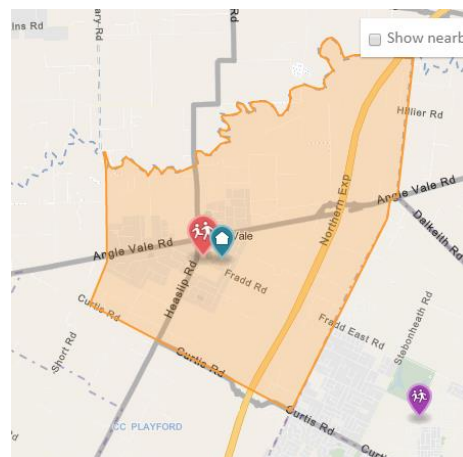
- a rental agreement that covers the first 12-months at the school and
- a bond receipt lodged with Consumer and Business Services and
- a recent gas or electricity bill for that property.

School zone

A school zone boundary is approved by the Minister, and is established to balance the ability of a school to accommodate local students with the demand for the service. Angle Vale Primary is a zoned school. To check if you fall within the zone go to www.education.sa.gov.au/sitesandfacilities

The following non-local students may be eligible for automatic entry to a school:

- a child or young person with siblings currently attending the school
- a child or young person in care
- a child or young person identified as Aboriginal and participating in a Department for Education program
- a child or young person granted entry due to a special consideration.



This Policy is guided by:
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