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The newsletter of Seaforth Public School

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From the Principal



We have had an amazing 2019! Congratulations to all of our students for their hard work throughout the year academically, with sport, the arts, extra-curricular activities and community spirit.

Presentation Day last week really was a culmination of the wonderful things that have been happening at Seaforth all year. Thank you to Ms Armstrong for all your hard work organising this special event.

Congratulations to our school leaders for 2020. They will be a wonderful team!

School Captains: Eliza G and Liam J

School Vice Captains: Zara C and Tom S

Prefects: Will B, Lulu H, Sophie L and Hamish R



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Congratulations to all the students who entertained us in the Talent Quest last week. It was such a fun way to bring the whole school together. Thank you to Mr Konz and Miss Carlton for organising such a fabulous Talent Quest.

The Year 6 Mini Fair was another wonderful whole school community event. Thank you to Year 6, Ms Crowshaw, Mrs Curnow and Miss Carlton for organising such a great day. Thank you to the Year 6 parents too who helped out in the background supporting their children.

Last night we had a brilliant time at our Year 6 farewell dinner at Balgowlah RSL. Thank you to the wonderful committee of Year 6 parents who organised this very special event. It is truly a momentous occasion for our Year 6 students and they deserve to celebrate all their achievements and the milestone of moving on from primary school.

I would like to wish all the students who are leaving the best of luck for the next part of their journey. Learn all you can and contribute to your community! Thank you once again to our Year 6 students for such a great year. We are very proud of you and wish you the all the best for high school. We do hope to see you again in the future.

Thank you to the parents who are also leaving us, who have supported the school with such dedication over the years, we are very grateful.

To all our teachers, students, administration staff, SLSOs, canteen staff and volunteers a huge THANK YOU and I wish you a restful and enjoyable break. It is very well deserved.

We say farewell Mrs Abramowicz who is relocating to her hometown of Port Macquarie – thank you for all you have done in your years at Seaforth and we wish you all the best for the future. We also say farewell to Miss Boyd for one year as she travels the world. We thank Mr Konz for stepping in to take 2P at the end of Term 3 and hope to see him back with us in the future.

Our plans for 2020 are well in place and we are ready for the start of an exciting new year. We will communicate everything to you via the school app to keep you informed of information you need to know.

On Day One next Year (Wednesday 29 January for Years 1-6) students will be in their 2019 classrooms and if possible with their 2019 teacher. **Pick up and drop off will be on Kempbridge Avenue Campus for all students for the entirety of Week 1.** We will endeavour to go into our 2020 classes by the end of Week 1. This depends on all students returning and factoring in any new unexpected enrolments to ensure the numbers we have based our classes on are accurate. ***If your child/children will not be returning to school on Day One, whether sick or on an extended holiday, please email or call the school on Wednesday 29 January so that we can account for their absence. This is extremely important in helping us to move into our 2020 classes quickly.*** When we do go into new classes an App alert will be sent and a map of the new classroom locations will be attached. Please remember to update your App notifications for your child/children's new 2020 year group.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a relaxing break and I hope that 2020 brings many wonderful things to you all. See you in 2020!

Warm wishes

Trudy Bates: **Principal**



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Enrolment policy

Information for parents

The Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools policy is in place to assist schools to meet their obligations under the *Education Act 1990* - to ensure that every student has a place at their local school. The policy also communicates to staff and the community a transparent enrolment process.

Why was the enrolment policy revised?

Across the state, many communities are changing. Some are growing at rates never seen before. Some schools that used to be able to accept out-of-area enrolments, no longer have the room to do so.

The revised policy is designed to support schools to manage all enrolment applications, encourage greater consistency in decision-making and make sure the enrolment choices are clear for parents.

What are the changes?

The enrolment cap

The enrolment cap is the number of students that can be enrolled at a school based on the school's permanent accommodation. The enrolment cap tells us whether the school may or may not have the capacity to accept non-local enrolments. It is not a target or limit on the number of local enrolments a school can take.

Each school with a local intake area will have a cap set by the department from Term 4 2019.

Within the enrolment cap, a number of enrolment places (the buffer) must be kept aside for the likely number of local students who will need to enrol during the year. For this reason, a school will not take non-local students once they reach their buffer, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

100-point residential address check

Parents planning to enrol their child at a school that is near or at its buffer or cap will be asked to complete the 100-point residential address check to confirm they live within the school's designated intake area. This means parents will need to provide documents to verify the child's current address.

So that schools only seek information relevant to the child's enrolment, a list of approved documents for the residential address check is available from the school or the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>.

Selection criteria for non-local enrolment

Sibling enrolments are now clearly prioritised (where possible) and selection criteria for non-local enrolment will not include student ability, performance or achievement.

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What has not changed?

Schools will continue to enrol students who live in their local intake area, regardless of the school's cap status.

Enrolment procedures for students accessing particular education settings (for example selective schools, distance education, specialist support classes for students with disability, Intensive English Centres) are not affected by the revised policy.

In schools with available places, there are no changes to enrolment rights of siblings of non-local students. Each enrolment application is considered on its merits, including if siblings currently attend the school. If the school is below capacity, out-of-area applications for siblings of current students will be given enrolment priority.

Schools will continue to provide families with support and advice during the enrolment process, including assessment of exceptional and compelling circumstances particularly for vulnerable students and their families.

Schools will also continue to apply the policy fairly and consistently using transparent and accountable processes when making decisions about enrolment applications. Parents have a right of appeal to determine whether the stated processes have been applied in a procedurally fair manner.

But what do the changes mean for me?

What if my child is already enrolled but we do not live in that school's intake area?

Your child will remain enrolled at the school as the revised policy does not affect students already enrolled in NSW Government schools.

We were in area when my child was enrolled in the school. The department has since changed the school's boundary and our residence is now out of area. I have other children and I want them all to go to the same school. What are my options?

At times it is necessary for the department to make adjustments to a school's local enrolment intake area. This could mean a family with a child/children already enrolled is then outside the local intake area. When this happens, the family will still be able to enrol siblings together at the school, regardless of whether the school is over the buffer or cap.

I already have a child enrolled as an out-of-area student in a NSW Government school. Can I enrol my other children at that school too?

This will depend on the capacity of the school:

- If the school is **not near its buffer**, then siblings should be able to be enrolled at the school. In fact, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **nearing its buffer**, then the school will form a non-local enrolment panel. The panel considers non-local enrolment applications when the number of non-local applications received exceeds the number of places available below the buffer. Again, in this instance, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **at capacity**, it will not accept non-local enrolment applications unless there are exceptional circumstances.

I have already accepted an offer for my child to attend a school in 2020 that is not my local school. What happens now?

The enrolment will proceed. Non-local enrolments accepted before Term 4 2019 for students starting in 2020 should not be affected.

What is the criteria for enrolment in a school that is not my local school?

Schools that are able to accept non-local enrolment applications establish a non-local enrolment selection panel, if demand exceeds the number of places below the school's buffer.

Schools are required to make the selection criteria available to the school community.

My circumstances are challenging and I think this school is best for my child. We live outside the school's intake area. What should I do?

We understand that not everyone's circumstances are the same, and that there are instances where exceptional and compelling circumstances will need to be considered. If this is the case, you should talk to the principal of your local school.

Contact

For general enquiries contact: 1300 679 332 or email: DoEinfo@det.nsw.edu.au

For enrolment enquiries, speak to your local school. Find school contact details at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/finding-a-public-school>



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Seaforth Public School Parents & Citizens

P & C News

Next Meeting Monday 17 February, 7pm, Kempbridge Campus Library

Stay up to date by joining the P&C's "Seaforth Public School Community" Facebook page. Simply search "Seaforth Public School Community" on Facebook and request to join.

Jeremy White: **P&C President**

Uniform Shop News

Sunday Openings

The Uniform Shop will open during the holidays on Sunday 19 January from 10.00am until 12 noon.

Openings for 2020

The first opening time during term will be on Thursday 30 January from 8.45am-10.00am. Please keep in mind that students commence back at school on Wednesday 29 January

Holiday Ordering

Flexischools ordering will be available over the holiday period. Please choose the "One Day Special Service" where you will be able to choose between pick-up from the shop on Sunday 19 January, pick up from the office from Tuesday 28 January or classroom delivery.

If you have any questions or require assistance please contact me directly by text on 0410 418 836 or via email at Seaforthuniformshop@gmail.com

Kitty Williams: **Uniform Shop Coordinator**



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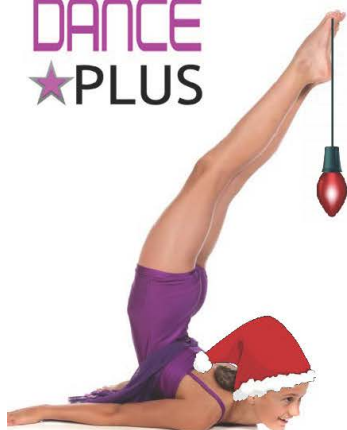
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9:30-3:30 Acro Dance Activities including...

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School holiday



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Times: 9 am – 1pm or 3.30 pm
Ages: 4+
Place: 5A/106 Old Pittwater Rd, Brookvale
Cost: \$45/half day or \$65/day

PICK YOUR DAY(S) !

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21	22	23

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DECEMBER			
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