



# Aberfeldie Primary School

## SWMR Enrolment Management Plan 2021/22

### School Context

Aberfeldie Primary School is situated in a well-established, residential area in Moonee Valley, in which many residents are third or fourth generation local families. Our School Vision is to see all students succeeding academically, physically and socially; supported by innovative teachers and an inclusive community.

In 2021, the enrolment was 371. The school is made up of four cohorts; Foundation, Year One/Two, Year Three/Four and Year Five/Six. Aberfeldie Primary School is located on 4.5 hectares and boasts several large playgrounds and courts to cater for all ages and school activities. Facilities also include a Gymnasium, Library, outside performance space, food garden and inclusion play space. Further to this the Joan Kirner Arts and Creativity Hub, officially opened towards the end of 2019, consists of an Art space, Library, Innovation space and rooms for music tuition.

The school provides a balanced, comprehensive and challenging curriculum for all students, with a focus on developing skills in literacy and numeracy. The Victorian curriculum framework is the foundation for our teaching and assessment. Aberfeldie Primary School utilises the Professional Learning Community (PLC) model, which is data driven to ensure research-based teaching practices are implemented. Specialist programs include Physical Education, Languages (Japanese) and Arts. Student wellbeing programs are offered across the school to ensure that curriculum and welfare are integrally linked.

### Policy Framework

The 2006 Education and Training Reform Act (ETRA) underpins the Department of Education and Training (DET) enrolment policy which can be found at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/Pages/azindexe.aspx>

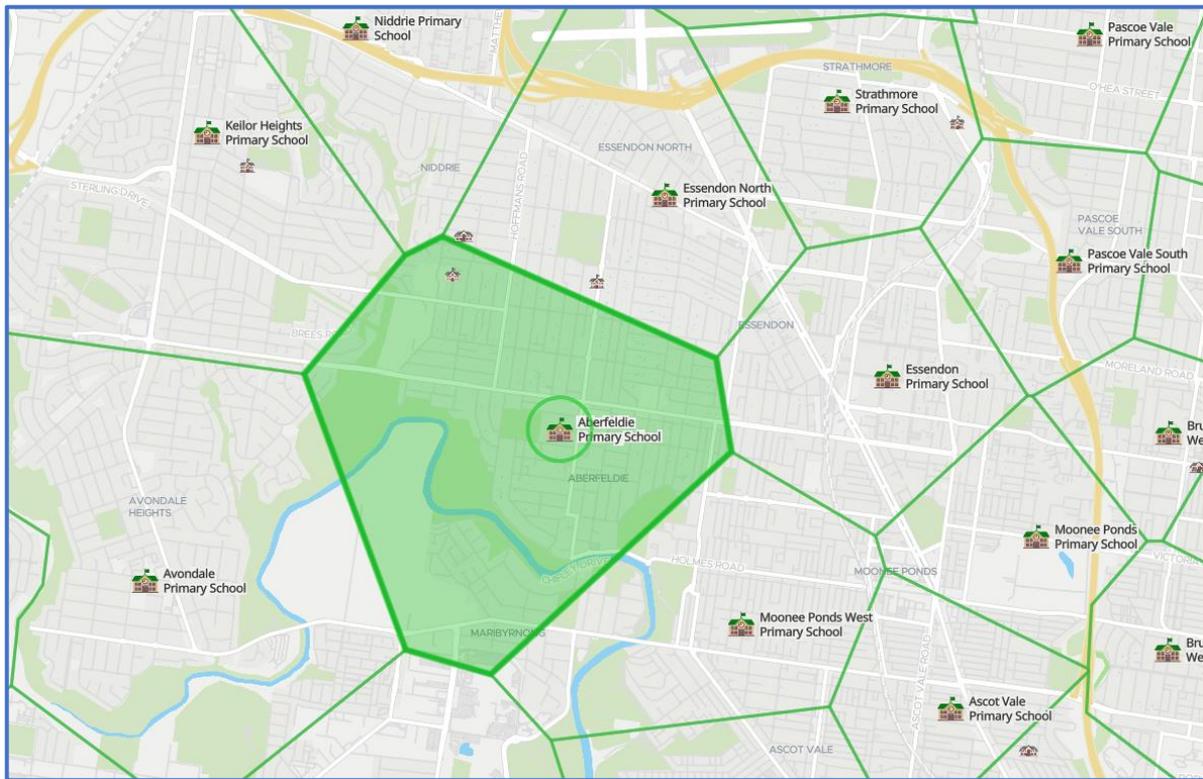
The policy states that all eligible children and young people have the right to be admitted to their designated neighbourhood government school.

### 2021 School zone

The Aberfeldie Primary School zone has been approved by the Minister for Education and ensures consistency with DET policy and the ETRA legislation regarding closest school.

A student's designated neighbourhood school is generally the school that is nearest the student's permanent address as determined by the school zone. The website <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au> provides guidance on which school zone a student's permanent residence is located within.

Fig 1 – 2022 School zone for Aberfeldie Primary school



## Priority Order of Placement

The potential future demand for enrolment places from within the local community indicates that Aberfeldie Primary School must manage enrolments carefully and in accordance with the Priority Placement Order, in the Enrolment Policy. A student's permanent place of address determines eligibility for enrolment at Aberfeldie Primary School.

Where there are insufficient places at a school for all students who seek entry, students are enrolled according to the Placement Policy's priority order of placement, which has five criteria.

In circumstances when a school may not be able to accept all applications due to existing or future capacity concerns, schools must manage enrolment applications in accordance with the following priority order of placement:

- 1. Students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school.**
- 2. Students with a sibling at the same permanent address who are attending the school at the same time.**
3. Where the Regional Director has restricted the enrolment, students who reside nearest the school.
4. Students seeking enrolment on specific curriculum grounds.
5. All other students in order of closeness of their home to the school.

**The future capacity needs at Aberfeldie Primary School mean that enrolments will be confined to the first two criteria.**

In exceptional circumstances, a student may be enrolled in a school based on compassionate grounds. **This is an overarching consideration and does not form part of the priority order of placement.** Schools are permitted to assess and make a determination for exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

Schools must ensure that all applicants eligible under a criterion have been offered a place before moving to consideration of the next. All students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school are guaranteed enrolment.

## Appealing a placement decision

In the first instance, parents or carers should lodge a written appeal with Aberfeldie Primary School, the school at which the student has been unsuccessful in gaining a placement.

If this appeal is unsuccessful and parents or carers are not satisfied that their appeal has been adequately considered, they are able to escalate the appeal to the relevant Regional Director.

Appeals to the Regional Director are considered using the criteria in the Placement Policy.

Regional office contact details and locations are on the Department's website, visit: [Our Office Locations](#).

If you have any questions regarding the Aberfeldie Primary School Enrolment Management Plan, please contact the school.



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