

Enrolling in a Government School for Year 7 in 2026

Enrolling your child in Year 7 is an important part of their education journey. In Victoria, your child has the right to enrol at their designated neighbourhood government school ('local school'). Your local school is determined by the school zone for your address. You can also apply to a school that is not your local school. The school should enrol your child if there is a place available.

How do I enrol my child in Year 7 for 2026?

Your child's primary school will give you a copy of the Application for Year 7 Placement form that you will need to complete and return **by Friday 9 May 2025**. You can also find the form on our website: vic.gov.au/moving-primary-secondary-school-information-parents-and-carers.

You can list up to 3 preferred government secondary schools on the application form. If you wish to enrol at a Catholic or Independent school, you must follow a different enrolment process. You can find more information on their websites:

- Catholic schools: vcea.catholic.edu.au/choosing-a-catholic-school/
- Independent schools: is.vic.edu.au/independent-schools/

How do I find my local school and other schools in my area?

You can find the local school you are zoned for using the search function on the Find my School website:

1. Enter findmyschool.vic.gov.au into your browser.
2. Enter your current address under 'Enter your address to get started'.
3. Select 2026 under 'Enrolment year'.
4. Select 'Secondary' and '7' under 'School type'.

The map will then show the local school you are zoned for. Contact details for the school are available on the left of the map. If you scroll down, you will see a list of the five closest government schools to your address.

Can I apply to a government secondary school that is not our local school?

Yes, you can apply to schools other than your local (zoned) school. The school should enrol your child if there is a place available.

How do schools prioritise applications?

Schools must enrol all students who live within their zone. Schools should also offer enrolment to students who live outside their zone if there are available places.

If a school cannot enrol all students who live outside their zone, applications are prioritised for:

1. students with a sibling at the same permanent address who is attending the school at the same time
2. then all other students in order of closeness of their home to the school.

Students who live outside the school zone may also be considered for enrolment on compassionate grounds in exceptional circumstances.

What if my information changes after I've submitted the application form?

Contact your child's primary school as soon as possible and they will update your form.

Can I appeal to my preferred secondary school if I don't receive an offer?

Yes, you can appeal to your preferred secondary school. You can use the department's Appeal Form to lodge your appeal. Your child's primary school will provide you with a copy of this form which includes information on the appeal process.

Where can I find more information on the Year 7 placement process?

You can find an information pack on the Year 7 placement process online: vic.gov.au/moving-primary-secondary-school-information-parents-and-carers. You can also ask your child's primary school for a copy of the information pack.

If you need help translating the information pack, please talk to your child's primary school.

Who do I contact for help?

The Year 6 Coordinator, Transition Coordinator or Principal of your child's primary school can help you with any questions you may have about the Year 7 placement process.

Useful links

Find my School – findmyschool.vic.gov.au

School zones – vic.gov.au/school-zones

Enrolling in school – vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol

Moving to secondary school – vic.gov.au/moving-primary-secondary-school-information-parents-and-carers

Disability and inclusive education – vic.gov.au/disability-and-inclusive-education

General enquiries

Email: enquiries@education.vic.gov.au

Phone: 1800 338 663

Timeline for 2025-26

2025 Dates	Activity
by Thursday 24 April 2025	Primary schools will provide the Year 6 to 7 Placement Information Pack to families of Year 6 students. This pack includes the Application for Year 7 Placement 2026.
by Friday 9 May 2025	Parents and carers submit the Application for Year 7 Placement 2026 to their child's primary school. If your child is currently home-schooled or attends a non-government primary school, submit the application directly to your preferred government secondary school.
Tuesday 1 July 2025	Parents and carers are notified, in writing, of their child's Year 7 placement offer for the 2026 school year.
Friday 25 July 2025	Closing date for parents/carers to appeal with their preferred secondary school.
by Tuesday 5 August 2025	Secondary schools notify parents/carers in writing of the outcome of their appeal by this date.
by Tuesday 12 August 2025	Parents and carers return their Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip to their child's primary school.
Tuesday 19 August 2025	Closing date for parents and carers to appeal with the Regional Director if they have been unsuccessful with their appeal to their preferred secondary school.
Friday 10 October 2025	Regions notify parents and carers of the outcome of their appeal to the Regional Director.
Tuesday 9 December 2025	Secondary schools host an Orientation Day for Year 6 students.