

MACKAY STATE HIGH STATE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mackay State High School recognises as its prime obligation, the provision of access to an appropriate educational service for students whose principal place of residence is within the school's catchment area.

Because of enrolment capacity and growth, Mackay State High School may be unable to meet this obligation in the future unless action is taken to manage enrolments. The principal must restrict the enrolment of out-of-catchment students to ensure in-catchment students can enrol at their local state school without requiring additional facilities.

Student enrolment capacity

Mackay State High School has a maximum student enrolment capacity of 1,460 students.

The school's Programs of Excellence in Academic Excellence Academy, Agriculture Show Team, Music Excellence and Sporting Academies are supported through the allocation of a defined number of places. Places in the Programs of Excellence will only be available to out-of-catchment enrolments once the demand for in-catchment enrolment has been met and sufficient student enrolment capacity has been reserved for future in-catchment growth. Currently Mackay State High School has the capacity to enrol:

- 150 in the Academic Excellence Academy Program of Excellence
- 30 in the Agriculture Show Team Program of Excellence
- 120 in the Instrumental Music Program (Creative Arts Academy)
- 340 in Sporting Academies Program of Excellence.

Local catchment area

A school's local catchment area is the defined geographical area from which the school is to have its core intake of students.

Mackay State High School operates under an equidistant catchment area.

The school's catchment map is available from EdMap. (<https://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/>)

Out-of-catchment application

Out-of-catchment students applying for enrolment at the school are placed on a waiting list, assessed in order of receipt and prioritised as follows:

- For schools with a Program of Excellence
 - Subject to available student enrolment capacity, places will only be available to out-of-catchment enrolments if they satisfy the school's criteria for placement in that particular Program of Excellence and the defined number of places has not yet been filled by enrolments from within the catchment. Sufficient student enrolment capacity must be reserved for future in-catchment growth. (Please note: The enrolment criteria for the Programs of Excellence are available from the school.)
- All other out-of-catchment enrolment applications.

Enrolment policy and procedure

The enrolment policy (<https://education.qld.gov.au/parents-and-carers/enrolment/management-plans#enrolment-policy>) includes further information about in-catchment and out-of-catchment enrolments, acceptance and assessment processes, as well as any associated fees and decisions on enrolments.

For further information regarding School Enrolment Management Plans, please refer to the School Enrolment Management Plans procedure <https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/school-enrolment-management-plans-school-emps-procedure>) or contact the school principal (<https://mackayshs.eq.edu.au/our-school/contact-us>).

Gazettal date

This updated version of the School Enrolment Management Plan for Mackay State High School was gazetted on 16 August 2024.

The School Enrolment Management Plan is internally reviewed each year, and if required, updated to reflect any changes to student enrolment capacity and/or Programs of Excellence.