



CLASS PLACEMENT



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the School via phone on 03 9216 3400 or email: beveridge.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community how we manage requests for class placements, for the following school year.

POLICY

The process that Beveridge Primary School works through to plan each student's class placement begins months before the end of the school year. We understand that in certain situations, parents and carers may like to request that their child be placed with a particular friend or in a particular class.

Requests for placement with friends

Beveridge Primary School recognises the importance of fostering and maintaining friendship groups. We also understand that it is equally important for students to mix and learn with peers who have different interests.

Students will be asked to nominate a short list of friends they would like to be with, the following year.

If you would like to request that your child be placed in a class with a particular friend or friends, please ensure that you make this request by the end of the month of November of the year prior so that we can consider your request in organising our classes for the following year.

Requests for class placements must be made in writing, outlining who you would like your child to be placed with and why. Requests can be addressed to the school principal.

Please include your child's name, current class and your name on the letter.

Please email letters by the end of November to beveridge.ps@education.vic.gov.au

We will not always be able to accommodate class placement requests, but will endeavour to take your wishes into consideration where possible.

Requests for placement with certain teachers

All teachers at Beveridge Primary School are caring and committed educators and Beveridge Primary School strives to ensure that all students are provided with a high-quality education.

Whilst we appreciate that you may wish that your child would benefit from being placed in a class with a particular teacher or teacher of a specific gender or a shared teacher grade, **we are unable to accommodate** these requests.

Our school's principal team has an in-depth understanding of each teacher's strengths and will always endeavour to place our students with teachers who are best placed to suit their needs. We do not re-allocate students to different classes during the school year, unless exceptional circumstances arise. Parents will be advised of the situation if it arises.

Requests for students to repeat a year level

Our school will follow the Department of Education and Training policy in the Department's *Policy and Advisory Library* on Year Level Movement – see [Repeating a Year Level](#) policy.

We will regularly promote students to the next year level and will exercise our professional expertise and judgment in relation to these matters. Students are only able to repeat a year level in exceptional circumstances where Beveridge Primary School considers it is required for the long-term benefit of the student e.g. considering their social, wellbeing and academic needs. We will ensure that parents/carers are advised of the options that we consider best meet individual student needs. Students will not repeat a year level without the consent of parents/carers.

Placement of Siblings and Relatives

Our school does not place siblings or close relatives in the same class.

This decision supports the social, emotional and academic development of all students by encouraging independence, confidence and the formation of peer relationships beyond family members. Separate class placement reduces reliance on siblings, supports positive learning behaviours, and allows students to develop their own identity within the school environment.

Placing siblings or relatives in different classes also promotes fairness and balance within classrooms and enables teachers to respond effectively to the individual learning and wellbeing needs of each student.

This policy applies to all year levels and is implemented in the best interests of students and the broader school community.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	October 2025
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	October 2027