

## Revised School 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. This year there has been amendments to the policy.

### *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.

### *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. At The Risk Public School we have an enrolment cap of 51 students based on our 2 permanent classrooms.

#### The Enrolment Buffer

Within a school's enrolment cap, a number of enrolment places (the buffer) must be kept aside for local students who may enrol during the year. For this reason, a school will not accept non-local students once they reach their buffer, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Based on historical enrolments, the school's buffer is currently set at 40 students.

**As The Risk Public School's current enrolment is 32 (and hence not near the enrolment cap set for it), we are in a position to accept any non-local enrolments that may come to us.**

#### The Enrolment of Siblings

It is important to note that if this school enrolls an out-of-area student, it DOES NOT guarantee the future enrolment of his or her siblings. If at the time we are not near the buffer, siblings should be able to be enrolled. If the school is nearing its buffer, the enrolment panel will consider the enrolment, with priority given to them. If the school has reached its enrolment cap it will not be able to accept non-local enrolment applications unless there are exceptional circumstances.

It is important to reiterate that the enrolment cap does not impact on the number of local students that can be enrolled at our school. The Risk Public School will continue to enrol students who live in our local intake area, regardless of the school's cap status.

For further information, please see the attached *Enrolment Policy - Information for Parents* or make an appointment to speak with the Principal, Lisa Blackburn.