

## School Context

Surfside Primary School is a medium to large sized school funded at 545 students. The school has been in operation since 1993. It is located in a residential area 2 km north/east of the central business district of the seaside resort of Ocean Grove, 28 kilometres from the provincial city of Geelong, on Victoria's Bellarine Peninsula. Our Vision is 'to inspire students to be creative, innovative and emotionally equipped to thrive' while our Mission is to 'cultivate a caring and inclusive environment in which students flourish' and is supported by our school Values of 'Respect, Honesty, Teamwork and Achievement'

## 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:

### [DET ENROLMENT POLICY](#)

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

## 2026 Surfside Primary School zone

The Surfside 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 x – current 2026 School zone for Surfside Primary School



Access your school zone at [www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au](https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au)

## Priority Order of Placement

The potential future demand for enrolment places from within the local community indicates that Surfside 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 Surfside 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 Surfside Primary School mean that enrolments will be confined to the first two criteria only.**

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.

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

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