

YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION BRIEFING

Thursday March 26

7pm

TIPS FOR CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL:

- Ask your child's opinion.
- Make an appointment to visit schools in your area, collect school information documents, and ask for a tour of the school.
- Consider the distance your child will have to travel to school.
- What is the atmosphere in the school like? Can you visualise your child happily attending this school?
- Will your child's friends be attending the same school?
- What facilities and resources does the school offer?
- Are there programs to help your child if he/she is experiencing difficulties (e.g. support for students learning English as a second language, literacy or numeracy support programs)?
- Does the school offer subject choices that meet your child's needs and interests (e.g. music programs or specific languages other than English programs)?
- Does the school have extension programs for students?



TIPS FOR CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL:

- Every school has a Strategic Plan where it lists its priorities. Check the school's Plan to see what is listed.
- What are the school's policies on discipline and homework?
- What support networks are available at the school (e.g. a student welfare coordinator, pastoral care coordinator or school counsellor)?
- What links are there between the school and the general community?
- What role does the parent association and school council play in the school?
- What opportunities are there for parents to be involved in the school (e.g. working bees, canteen assistance, school council, sharing special skills, talents and knowledge that would enrich the curriculum)?



TIPS FOR CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL:



Information Evening

Thursday 7th May at 7pm

School Tours from 9.15am:

Thursday 2nd April

Thursday 23rd April

Thursday 30th April

Thursday 7th May



KEW
HIGH SCHOOL

Information Evening

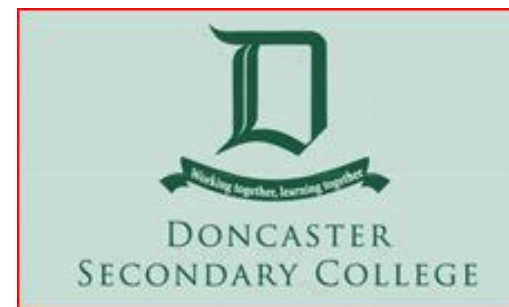
Wednesday May 6th at 7pm

School Tours from 9:30am:

Thursday 23rd April

Thursday 30th April

Thursday 7th May



Open Night- Wednesday, 6 May

Day Tours from 9.15am -

10.30am:

Monday, 30 March

Thursday, 23 April

Friday, 24 April



Information Evening

Thursday 30th April at

6:30pm

School Tours Tuesdays and

Thursdays

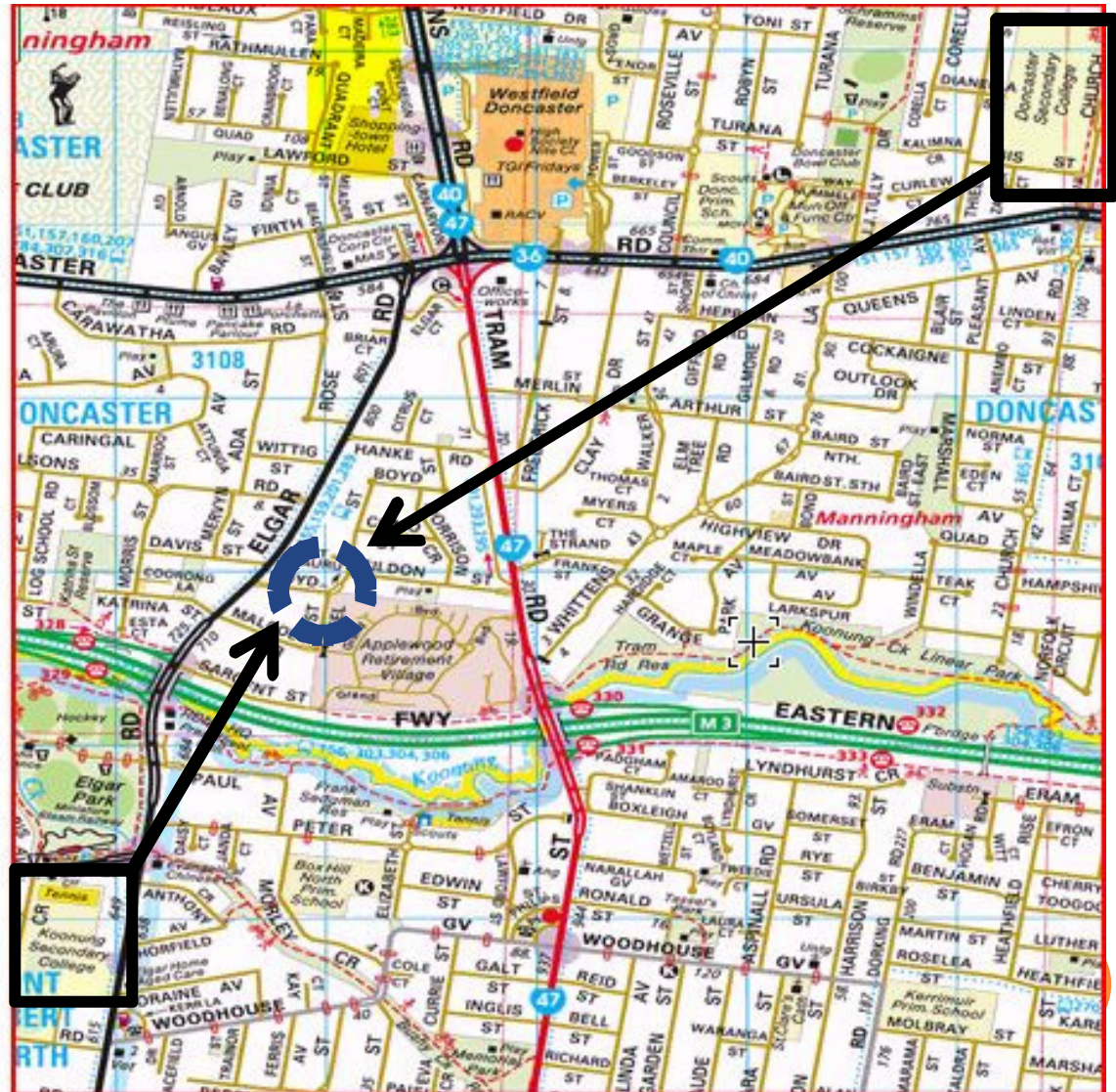
APPLYING FOR GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The principles which guide the process of Year 7 enrolment are:

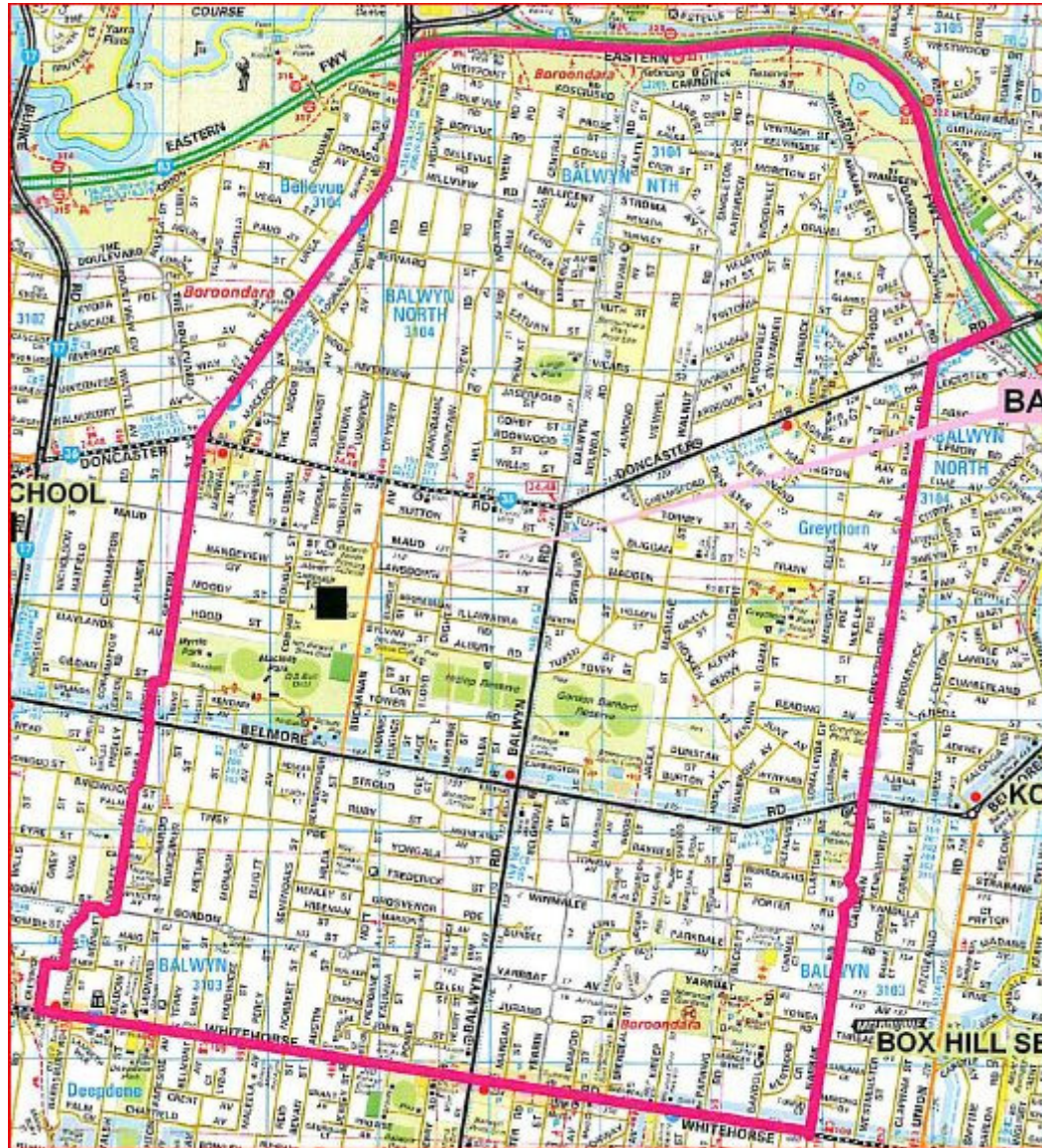
- to guarantee the right of each child a place in the **designated neighbourhood school**.
- wherever practical, provide parents with the opportunity to enrol their child at the same school as an older brother or sister.
- to allow parents not wishing to send their child to the neighbourhood school to select any other school in which space is available.
- to contain enrolments in each school within the limits of available resources as determined by the Regional Director.

APPLYING FOR GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The **designated neighbourhood school** is defined as the secondary school which is *nearest* to the student's permanent residential address measured in a straight line



APPLYING FOR GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS



Some secondary schools are not able to accommodate all those who wish to enrol.

Therefore, the Regional Director has granted permission for these schools to **restrict** their enrolments to those either within their 'designated neighbourhood' area or with an enrolment 'cap.' In our local area, these schools include;

- Balwyn HS
- Kew HS
- Canterbury Girls SC
- Koonung SC*
- East Doncaster SC *
- Camberwell HS



APPLYING FOR GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The **designated neighbourhood school** is indicated on
The Application For Enrolment Form

EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGION
APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT (YEAR 7) 2010

1. STUDENT INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRIMARY SCHOOL)

FAMILY NAME: GIVEN NAME:

GENDER: MALE / FEMALE DATE OF BIRTH: MELWAYS REF:

ADDRESS: POST CODE:

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (MR/MRS/MS)

TELEPHONE NO.: HOME: MOBILE:

NAME OF PRIMARY SCHOOL:

ADDRESS:

2. DESIGNATED NEIGHBOURHOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL:



APPLYING FOR GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS

All requests for secondary schools from students living **outside** the designated neighbourhood area will be carefully considered.

Where there are insufficient places at a school for all students who seek entry, students will be enrolled in the following priority order;

1. Students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school.
2. Students with a brother or sister who will be concurrently attending the school and who resides at the same address.
3. Students seeking enrolment on specific curriculum grounds (**High Achievers Programs**, Music &/or Sporting excellence).
4. Students in order of closeness of their home to the school.
5. Students may be enrolled on compassionate grounds where there are significant family or individual circumstances.



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SPECIALIST SCHOOLS

Should your child meet the criteria for entry into a **special school or special developmental school** and you wish to choose a specialist school, information about these schools can be supplied.

The specialist schools in the Eastern Region are;

Ashwood School

Aurora School

Belmore School

Bulleen Heights School

Burwood East Special Developmental School

Croydon Special Developmental School

Glenallen School

Heatherwood School

Monash Special Developmental School

Mount Evelyn Special Developmental School

You may also choose a mainstream secondary school.

FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT FORM

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Pease notify the school in writing if the details on the application form are incorrect or change at any stage. The student information **MUST** be completed by the primary school.



FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT FORM

3. SECONDARY SCHOOL PREFERENCE

Indicate the preferred secondary school(s) of your choice. A second priority should be given if you select a school other than the neighbourhood school as first preference.

1.
2.

If requesting a placement at a school outside the neighbourhood area you may need to supply additional information to support your application.

N.B If preferences are not available, the application will be forwarded to your neighbourhood school.

**RETURN THIS ENROLMENT APPLICATION TO YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL BY
FRIDAY 15 MAY 2009.**

In section 3, you are asked to nominate your preferred government secondary school. This can be the neighbourhood secondary school or any other secondary school.

If the nominated secondary school is not your neighbourhood school you may wish to supply **additional information** indicating specific curriculum grounds for your choice.

Additional Information may include;

- principal and /or teacher references
- latest school report
- certificates of achievement (Maths Olympiad, T.o.M., UNSW Competitions, Gateways, Instrumental Music Exam results, Sports results etc)

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4. OLDER BROTHERS / SISTERS

If you wish your child to attend the same school as an older brother or sister who resides permanently at the same address and will be attending in 2010 complete the following:

Name of Older Brother or Sister:

Name of School:Year Level in 2010:

If you choose to nominate the school that an older brother or sister will be attending, you should complete Sections 3 & 4. **(Please note:** In certain rare circumstances, where school accommodation pressures are acute, siblings may not be accepted if the school is not the student's neighbourhood school.)



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5. NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

If you have already accepted a place for your child in a non-government school for 2010 indicate the name of that school:

Are you certain that your child has been allocated this place? YES / NO

If you are sure that you already have a place for your child in a non-government secondary school and you intend to accept that place, please **complete only Sections 5** of the form

If you have applied for a place in a non-government school, but **have not yet** been told that your child has been granted a place, you should safeguard your child's interests by also applying for a place in a government secondary school.

If your child is granted a place in a non-government school **AFTER** being allocated a position in a government secondary school, you are asked to notify your primary school **IMMEDIATELY**.



TIMELINE

- **May 15:** Application For Enrolment Forms returned to B.P.P.S.
- **7 August:** B.P.P.S. will notify parents in writing of the results of the placement applications.
- **8 December :** Yr 6-7 Orientation Day
(Government Schools)

Questions...

