

Q&A Enrolment – Year 6-7 Transition

Q. How do I enrol my child to your school?

A. At the start of Term 2 every primary school will distribute the Year 6 to 7 Transition Information Pack. Simply complete the Application Form and nominate Narre Warren South P-12 College as your 1st preference.

Q. Where can I find out what you offer in Year 7?

A. All Information relating to Years 7 and 8 is on our College website

Here is a link you may find useful

<https://www.nwsc.vic.edu.au/parents/documents/handbooks/Year%207%20&%208%20Book%202022.pdf>

Q. What are your Special Programs?

A. Our special programs have been designed to cater for student interests in a particular area.

- **STEM** – Science Technology and Maths for the student who enjoys engineering and maths problems.
- **FUSION Music** – Caters for the student with musical interests and abilities including all instruments and voice.
- **FUSION Dance/Drama** – For the artistic student who enjoys Dancing and Acting
- **VAMM – Visual Arts and Multi-Media** for the creative student who enjoys drawing, painting, art and digital art
- **PTS – Pathways through Sports** for the student who enjoys physical activity, team sport and sport in general, it is not essential that they play a team sport outside of school.

Q. How do I apply for the Special Program?

A. Special Program Application Forms will be published in Term 3.

Q. How many Special Programs can my child do?

A. Your child will only do 1 special program throughout the year which is why we ask for you to list your preferences from 1-5. We try and give each child their 1st preference.

Q. How do you decide what Special Program my child will do?

A. Our Special Programs are select entry and every child will have an interview prior to being accepted into the program and in some cases an examination is required particularly for STEM. You will be contacted later in Term 2 advising of your interview and examination time (if applicable) which will be held early Term 3.

Please note: Due to COVID19 this timeline may be extended or modified to suit social distancing requirements.

Q. Does my child have to do a Special Program? What happens if my child is not selected for a Special Program?

A. Students do not have to be part of a Special Program. All students not interested in applying for a Special Program and who do not get selected will participate in year 7 mainstream programs.

Q. If my child does a special program do they only do that program through to Year 12?

A. No not at all. Our special programs run in Year 7 and 8 only. Once a student enters Year 9 and beyond they pick the subjects they would like to study. We have a variety of subjects on offer that are more specific and are also tailored to the student interests in all areas of the curriculum.

Q. What if my child does not want to continue in the special program?

A. If your child does not want to continue in their special program into Year 8 they can change to mainstream program. Change of mind throughout the year is not advised as the programs are a 12-month commitment.

Q. What if my child doesn't want to do a Special Program does that mean we can't apply?

A. Not at all, if you would like to attend Narre Warren South P-12 College simply put us as your 1st preference on the Year 6 to 7 Transition Form. As we are a zoned school a position in our College will be available for those students who reside within our boundary. For students who live outside our zone, entry to the College will be at the discretion of the Principal. Proof of address will be needed in all cases which is taken from the Victorian Electoral Roll, current Rates Notice or Rental Agreement.

Q. If my child doesn't like the special program can they swap into their next preference?

A. All students are tested for their suitability to the program during the application process to avoid this from occurring, however, should your child wish to pursue another special program this would be discussed with the Assistant Principal. We cannot guarantee a place in another program as places are strictly limited.

Q. What if we do not live in your zone?

A. If you do not live within the current school zone you are still invited to apply to the College. Entry to the College would be at the discretion of the Principal. You can check your address here <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>

Q. When will I find out if I have been accepted into Narre Warren South P-12 College?

A. Your primary school will notify you of your child's Year 7 placement offer for 2021 on Wednesday 19 August 2020.

Q. What happens next?

On the 20th August we will be contacting all our new Year 7 parents advising them of the next step in the enrolment process and if they have been successful in obtaining a place in a Special Program of their choice. Our preferred method of contact is email should you not have an email address we will post the information to you.