



Interstate Enrolment Policy

Rationale:

The *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* (Vic) specifically provides an exception (meaning that it does not constitute discrimination) for educational authorities to operate an educational institution or program wholly or mainly for students with a general or particular disability and allows exclusion of people who do not have that disability, from that institution or program.

The Regional Director is required to approve all enrolment requests for students wishing to enrol in the school. This decision will be made on receipt of all information presented at the SSG meeting for those students who do not automatically qualify.

Definition:

To be automatically eligible to enrol at Belvoir Special School a student MUST:

- Be in receipt of funding via the Program for Students with Disabilities.
- This funding must be under the category of Intellectual disability.
- The student must reside in Victoria and be within the school's Designated Travelling Area

DET Policy:

Students who do not reside in Victoria are able to be enrolled in a Victorian school. The decision regarding such enrolments rests with the Principal of the Victorian School.

Implementation:

- All decisions regarding enrolment of a student living in NSW will be made on an individual basis.
- For a student to be enrolled at Belvoir they must have a clearly diagnosed Intellectual Disability via a score of less than 65 on a WISC IV or WIPSSI III and an adaptive behaviour score of less than 70 based on a completed Vineland assessment.
- Where the diagnosis of an intellectual disability is unclear or the student has a borderline IQ score (65 – 70), students must have appropriate funding established in Victoria prior to their enrolment being accepted by the school.
- For students with a dual diagnosis of disabilities, enrolment at Belvoir will only be granted as long as an intellectual disability is part of the diagnosis.
- Students who are enrolled in appropriate facilities in NSW will only be considered for enrolment at Belvoir if there is sufficient evidence that such an enrolment is unsuitable for the student and another enrolment in NSW is unavailable.
- Transport is available from NSW for students in some circumstances; however, transport should not be assumed when a student transfers to Belvoir from NSW.
- Belvoir's School Council will be kept informed of any students who wish to transfer to the school from NSW and advised of the reasons behind any decision to accept or reject such an enrolment.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed every year as part of the School's three year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on	September 12 2018	
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