BLACKTOWN BOYS’ HIGH SCHOOL

"Preparing Boys for their Future since 1959"

A Partially Selective Boys High School

ENROLMENT POLICY

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Blacktown Boys' High School has a five part approach to enrolment.

1. A continued commitment to provide a local comprehensive boys education catering for students living in the Blacktown area.
2. The provision of a gifted and talented stream and a selective class for local and out of area students.
3. The provision of a comprehensive education for out of area students seeking a single sex environment.
4. The provision of a single sex option with the selective schools community.
5. The provision of places when available, to DEC International students by application.

Enrolment Restrictions

Currently there are no restrictions other than those regarding selectivity, however historical enrolment figures have resulted in BBHS establishing 4 classes in Year 7 and as such this may impact on the number of out of area applications accepted.

Local Enrolment

Students who reside within the Department of Education (DoE) designated drawing area for Blacktown Boys' High School are accepted for enrolment. The DoE’s student tracking system will provide the addresses of students transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7. Primary schools enter the information which is then forwarded to Blacktown Boys' High School. Proof of residence will be required.

Non-local Enrolment

Parents / guardians reserve the right to apply for non-local placement of their son. If, after acceptance of local enrolments, vacancies exist, non-local applications will be considered. Applications for non-local placement are required to address the following criteria in their application:

- Demonstrated and potential ability for independent learning,
- Demonstrated and satisfactory record of school participation and conduct,
- Stated commitment to a single sex education,
- Special consideration based on individual circumstances.

Assessment of applicants will be on the basis of the information provided on the application form. The panel will only consider those matters presented on the written application and not oral or other submissions.

If the child enrolling has siblings, please be aware that as a non-local enrolment we cannot guarantee placement of siblings in future years. The Enrolment Panel does consider siblings when assessing applications but it is one of a number of criteria.

Placement Panel

The Placement Panel consists of the Principal, staff representative and P&C representative.

Responsibilities of the panel include:

- To consider non-local applications for enrolment in Year 7 according to the identified criteria established by the school community.
- To recommend those applicants who will be made offers of enrolment for Year 7, those placed on the reserve list and those who were unsuccessful.

Criteria considered
1. Holds an offer of GTi placement
2. Reserve list status for the selective stream
3. BBHS identified as the first choice non-local school
4. Demonstrated desire to obtain a boys only education
5. Distance from BBHS
6. Siblings currently at BBHS
7. Father attended BBHS
8. Other special circumstances

Non-local applications for Years 8-12 will be considered by the Principal at the time of application.
Residency
Residency refers to the address of the legal guardian with whom the student lives for the majority of the time. It does not refer to another member of the family, such as a grandparent. At the time of application, the student must already be living in the school's drawing area. In some cases, proof of guardianship will be requested. If requested to provide proof of residence, parents/guardians are required to provide two documents that contain the legal guardian's name and address. All documents must be current and the originals will need to be sighted prior to placement being offered.

Examples of proof of residence of the parent/legal guardian include:

- Electricity or GAS account
- Contents insurance
- Telephone account (home/landline)
- Property ownership or tenancy documents. Tenancy agreements are expected to demonstrate a commitment to local area residence through a tenancy agreement for 12 months or more
- Electoral Roll
- Centrelink documents

Enrolment of students with special needs
After the enrolment enquiry the Principal will:

- Interview the parents and student to ascertain special needs requirements
- Identify the support needs of the student with the School Counsellor and the Regional Special Education Consultant to ensure student needs can be met and enrolment is appropriate.

Passport and Visa checks
Passport and visa checks will be made for students who are not an Australian Citizen or Resident.

Appeals
Any appeals regarding this process should be directed to the Principal. Further appeals may be made to the Director PSNSW.