

Stratford Primary School: Policies

600 - ENROLMENT CLASSIFICATION of ĀKONGA (Students)

RATIONALE:

Education and Training Act 2020:

33. Right to free enrolment and free education at State schools (including entitlement to attend full-time)

- (1) Except as provided in this Part, every domestic student is entitled to free enrolment and free education at any State school during the period beginning on the student's fifth birthday and ending on 1 January after the student's 19th birthday.
- (2) This right includes the entitlement to attend the school at which the student is enrolled during all the hours that the school is open for instruction.

35. Domestic students aged between 6 and 16 years must be enrolled at registered school:

- (1) Every domestic student must, during the period beginning on the student's sixth birthday and ending on the student's 16th birthday, be enrolled at a registered school.

62. Restrictions on primary school enrolment: The following persons may not be enrolled at or continue to be enrolled at a primary school or below year 9 at a composite school:

- (a) a child under the age of 5 years:
- (b) a child who turned 14 years in a previous year:
- (c) a child who, in the Secretary's opinion, has made sufficient progress, in terms of any curriculum statement for year 8 made under [section 90](#).

- Education Gazette 14.7.95: Since 1996, ākonga have been classified by their year of schooling (14.7.95 Gazette).
- Central Taranaki Kahui Ako – Te Kāhui Ako o Taranaki Mohoao: All schools in this area have agreed to the following shared expectations around new entrants:

When a new entrant starts school in our Kahui Ako:

- ★ Classifications: Children enrolled at school when 5 years old are classified as new entrants and will be classified as below.
- ★ Year One: If a 5 year old new entrant begins prior to 30 April these children are regarded as Year 1 from the outset and move to Year 2 after their first year at school.
- ★ Year Zero: If a 5 year old new entrant begins school on/after 1st May these children are regarded as Year 0 from the outset and move to Year 1 after the completion of their 1st year at school.

GUIDELINES:

1. No children may be enrolled at school before the age of five.
2. Students will make regular progress through the school with students of about the same age based on the following guidelines.

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- a. A student who begins attending school for the first time between 1 January and 30 April roll count date of a school year will be classified as Year 1.
- b. A student who begins attending a school for the first time from 1 May to 31 December of a school year and is aged six or less, will be classified as Year 0.
- c. The year indicator for each student is increased by one at the start of each school year.
- d. If a new ākonga enrolls at Stratford Primary School after they have already started school and their classification does not follow the above criteria, their classification will be corrected.
- e. In Year 7, there is a provision for whānau and/or the school to request a change in an ākongas classification. This can be agreed upon as long as it fits within section 62 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

PROCEDURES/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

- 600 Enrolment Policy
- 602 Enrolment/Transitions/Student Placement Procedure

LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE:

[Education and Training Act 2020](#)

Review schedule: Triennially

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