

TATHRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Tathra Public School Enrolment Policy

Every child is entitled to be enrolled at the government school that is designated for the intake area within which the child's home is situated and that the child is eligible to attend. These areas are determined by the Department of Education. Students enrol in public schools based on their home address. Tathra Public school's intake area is attached.

Families of new enrolments including new kindergarten students will be asked to attend an interview with the principal (or Assistant Principal should the principal be unavailable) prior to commencing school. This is a good time to talk about any special circumstances, allergies, health or medical conditions before your child starts school. The school may need to complete a risk assessment should there be special needs or circumstances. In the case that a child is moving from another school, it is usual practice that the principal contact the previous school.

All children must be in compulsory schooling by their 6th birthday. Children can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5 on or before 31 July that year. In NSW students start school at the beginning of the school year.

The department provides a range of enrolment and support options for children with disability or special learning needs. This may include additional support for children in their local school within the mainstream class as well as specialist support classes located in some regular schools outside the local area.

Out of Area

All public schools ensure there are enough places for students in their local enrolment area. Schools may accept enrolments from outside their area if places are available. If the projected demand for local enrolment exceeds the number of places available, out-of-area enrolments will not be considered. If there are places available out-of-area applications are subject to the school's selection criteria and department policies. Tathra Public School's out-of-area selection criteria are based on (in no particular order):

- proximity and access to the school
- siblings already enrolled at the school
- medical reasons
- safety and supervision of the student before and after school
- special interests and abilities
- compassionate circumstances
- structure and organisation of the school

Each individual application will be considered on its merits, providing the resources of the school are able to cater for the enrolment. A local placement panel meets to discuss each case individually. If there is no immediate availability, the placement panel may offer a position on a waiting list.

Tathra Public School Intake Area

