Enrolment Policy

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Brunswick Secondary College is an inner city coeducational Year 7 to 12 school. Its enrolment of 950 (as at 2014) is drawn mainly from Brunswick and Coburg. In 2015, the school's neighbourhood will change due to the intake of Year 7 students at Coburg High School. In accordance with Victorian public schools requirements, families for whom BSC remains the closest school are entitled to enrol.

Intake beyond the school's designated neighbourhood is dependent on space in the given year level or program. Places can become available due to student movement and the structure of the VCE Program. Consideration will be given to the enrolment of siblings* of current students and applications based on curriculum grounds. The school has a Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEALP), an onsite English Language Centre, an International Student Program and a Chinese Specialism.

A drawcard Performing Arts and Media Program attracts students to the school but is not considered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) as a basis for curriculum grounds. Applications related to Chinese Language and the Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program can be made on curriculum grounds.

General Enrolment

Enrolment into Year 7 the following Year is managed through the Primary School.

Enrolment into Year 7 during the school year, or into Year 8-12 through an online enrolment enquiry in the first instance.

Each student and a family member or a caregiver are then interviewed by a senior member of the teaching staff prior to enrolment to ascertain an appropriate year level and learning program.

The enrolment policy of the school takes into account all requirements of laws relating to discrimination, equal opportunity, privacy and immunisation.

BSC is an inclusive school and it will provide programs for all enrollees. Our Program for Students with Disabilities caters for students who have special learning needs.

An enrolment register is maintained. The enrolment register is kept up to date by the Student Administration Education Support Staff member. Changes to the register are on a weekly basis to reflect current student numbers and movement of students into and out of the school. Student destinations are tracked by the Pathways Coordinator.

New students in Year 8-12 are taken through an induction process to enable their adjustment to the new environment including being paired with a trained buddy who supports them over their first term at the college. At Year 7, there is a year-long transition program where a team of trained Year 10 Peer Support leaders assist students in their first year of high school.
Enrolment into specific programs

Select Entry and Accelerated Learning Program – enrolment is determined by demonstrated capacity, assessed through an externally administered ability test, a student interview and information provided from the primary school including teacher recommendation and reports.

International Student Program – Enrolment of International Students is through the International Division. The continuation of the International Student Program is supported by School Council. See attached letter of endorsement. Given the school’s proximity to the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) and the University of Melbourne, its enrolment includes a number of international students whose parents have a study visa.

Brunswick English Language Centre – Enrolment into the Brunswick English Language Centre is managed by the Teacher in Charge. Enrolment complies with Immigration and DEECD guidelines. The Brunswick English Language Centre accepts International Students. Enrolment is through the International Division.

* Siblings are defined as a student who has a brother or sister already attending the school who will be concurrently enrolled in the school.