

Classification of students

Organisation of children into classes is the responsibility of the Principal, after consultation with staff. Decisions are made on the basis of what will best serve the personal and educational welfare of the individual student. Although decisions must be made within regulation requirements, flexibility is essential in making decisions that affect student's education.

Guidelines and procedures

The classification of each student for the school year will be determined by the Principal, in consultation with the senior management team and class teachers on the basis of the student's general development, record at school, and age.

In some cases, classification may be difficult, and it will be desirable to consult with others e.g. parents, Special Education Service, previous school.

Individual students may be re-classified at any time during the school year.

The contributing primary school course normally covers six years; reduction of this time span for any student will depend on the time he/she first entered the school, and on the intellectual or general maturity in a student (a student's maturity is indicated by a number of qualities - social, emotional, intellectual, and physical).

Students should, where possible, go through school with others of their own age group.

In the first two years at school, a student should generally have no less than six terms attendance before classification for Year Three.

Movement of students in years 1 and 2 will be restricted to one change per student during the year.

The make-up of classes for Provisionally Registered Teachers may need special consideration.

The range of ability and attainment in any class may be very wide; classes will be balanced, with a spread of boys, girls, abilities, behaviours and cultural backgrounds.

A student should be placed in a class that best caters for his / her needs.

Classes will vary in composition from year to year to suit the needs of the students and according to the available staffing.

The general guidelines on school entry:

- A student starting school in terms 1 or 2 of a year would be classified as a Year 1 student for the rest of that year and begin the following year as a Year 2 student.
- A student starting school in terms 3 or 4 of a year would be classified as a Year 1 student for the rest of that year and also for the following year.

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