



Brighton
Secondary
School



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Year 7 Admissions Guide



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Enrolment Steps

Public Primary School Students



Step 1 - Ensure your details are up to date

- Ensure that your primary school has your most up-to-date email address and home address (the child's primary place of residence) on record.



Step 2 - Choose your preferred school

- Your child is **guaranteed** a place at their local zoned secondary school once proof of residence has been confirmed. You can use the [Find a School](#) tool to identify your child's local or zoned school.
- If you wish to apply to a school **outside your zone**, you may **nominate up to three government secondary schools** as your preferences.



Step 3 - Register your interest

- Your primary school will email you a unique online link to the secondary school application portal at the beginning of **Term 2 in Year 6**.
- Submit your Registration of Interest for secondary school when the portal opens during **Term 2 of Year 6**.
- It is important that all parents and legal guardians reach agreement on the secondary school(s) to be nominated for their child before completing the Registration of Interest form. Please note, only one form can be submitted for each child.



Step 4 - Receive your offer

- Offers will be emailed to families by the Department for Education in **early August**.
- If your child is offered a place at Brighton Secondary School, our team will guide you through the enrolment confirmation process.



Enrolment Steps

Private Primary School Students



Step 1 - Obtain a Transition Pack

- Email education.startingsecondaryschool@sa.gov.au to request a Registration of Interest form.



Step 2 - Choose your preferred school

- Your child is **guaranteed** a place at their local zoned secondary school once proof of residence has been confirmed. You can use the [Find a School](#) tool to identify your child's local or zoned school.
- If you wish to apply to a school **outside your zone**, you may **nominate up to three government secondary schools** as your preferences.



Step 3 - Register your interest

- Submit your Registration of Interest for secondary school in **Term 2 of Year 6** via email education.startingsecondaryschool@sa.gov.au or post to Statewide Transition Team, Department for Education, Level 10, 31 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000
- It is important that all parents and legal guardians reach agreement on the secondary school(s) to be nominated for their child before completing the Registration of Interest form. Please note, only one form can be submitted for each child.



Step 4 - Receive your offer

- Offers will be emailed to families by the Department for Education in **early August**.
- If your child is offered a place at Brighton Secondary School, our team will guide you through the enrolment confirmation process.



Out-of-Zone Enrolment

Brighton Secondary School accepts students from outside our designated school zone through the Department for Education's preferences process.

If you are applying for your child to attend Brighton Secondary School as an **out-of-zone student**, it is important that you clearly state your reason(s) for applying on the Registration of Interest form.

When demand from families is more than the available places, the Department for Education will assess your registration of interest and allocate points based on:

- the distance from your child's home to the school
- curriculum opportunities not available at your zoned school (not including selective special interest programs)
- social or family links to the school
- transport and location needs



Step 1-3 - Enrolment

- Refer to page 3 or 4.



Step 4 - Receive your offer

- Offers will be emailed to families by the Department for Education in **early August**.
- If your child is not offered a place at Brighton Secondary School, you may appeal to the Department for Education for reconsideration.



Step 5 - Waitlist

- If you nominate Brighton Secondary School as your first preference but do not receive an initial offer, your child will be placed on our waitlist. Please contact us to confirm their inclusion on the waitlist. If a place becomes available, our enrolments team will contact you directly.



Enter for Success Entry Pathway

The Enter for Success program is a Department for Education initiative that guarantees Aboriginal students are able to attend their chosen public secondary school, regardless of school zone restrictions. The program provides additional support to help students thrive academically, socially, and culturally.

- **Guaranteed Placement:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students can nominate Brighton Secondary School as their preferred school, regardless of residential zoning.
- **Transition Support:** Tailored orientation and transition activities to welcome students and families.
- **Cultural and Academic Support:** Access to mentoring, wellbeing staff, and opportunities to participate in cultural activities and events.
- **Family Engagement:** Ongoing communication and partnership with families to ensure every student feels connected and supported.

Enrolment Steps



Step 1 - Register your interest

- When completing the Department for Education's Registration of Interest for secondary school, identify your child's Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status.
- Nominate Brighton Secondary School as your preferred school under the "Enter for Success" initiative.



Step 2 - Receive your offer

- Offers will be emailed to families by the Department for Education in **early August**.
- If your child is offered a place at Brighton Secondary School, our team will guide you through the enrolment confirmation process.



Special Interest Programs

Brighton Secondary School is proud to offer two prestigious, nationally recognised Special Interest Programs designed to nurture and extend students' talents—our **Special Interest Music and Special Interest Volleyball Programs**.

These programs provide exceptional opportunities for students to pursue their passions and achieve excellence, both academically and personally.

The **Special Interest Music Program** is renowned for its comprehensive curriculum and access to expert tuition, state-of-the-art facilities, and a variety of ensemble experiences, fostering creativity, discipline, and performance skills.

Similarly, our **Special Interest Volleyball Program** is highly respected across Australia, delivering elite coaching, high-quality training sessions, and regular competition, all in a supportive and challenging environment.



Step 1 - Apply for a Special Interest Program

- Submit your application directly to the school during the month of March in the year prior to your child's intended year of entry. For example, if your child is starting Year 7, you will need to complete and submit the application while your child is in Year 6, in the March before they commence at Brighton Secondary School.



Step 2 - Register your interest

- Submit your Registration of Interest for secondary school when the portal opens during Term 2 of Year 6. **Note:** This process is in addition to your application for a Special Interest Program.



Step 3 - Notification of Outcome

- You will be notified of the outcome of your application for a Special Interest Program directly by Brighton Secondary School.



Enrolment FAQ's

How do I apply for secondary school if my child lives in a separated household?

Parents should reach a mutual agreement on the secondary school(s) to nominate before submitting the Registration of Interest (ROI) form, as only one application can be lodged per child.

What schools do I list as my preferences when applying?

You may list up to three government secondary schools in your preferences. If Brighton Secondary School is your preferred school, we encourage you to list it as your first preference. You do not need to include your zoned school in your preferences. If your child is not allocated a place at any of your preferred schools, they will automatically be placed at their zoned school.

Do I have sibling rights for mainstream enrolment?

Yes. If your child has a sibling currently attending Brighton Secondary School and you are applying through the mainstream process, sibling rights apply.

Does having an older sibling at Brighton Secondary School guarantee entry?

No. Sibling rights do not apply to students whose older siblings gained entry through a selective entry Special Interest Program. Sibling rights only apply to students whose siblings entered through in-zone or preference enrolment.

If my child's older sibling leaves Brighton Secondary School before enrolment, do we still have sibling rights?

No. Sibling rights only apply if the older sibling is still attending BSS at the time of your child's enrolment application.

How many students are accepted from within the BSS school zone compared with out of zone?

Enrolment numbers vary each year depending on capacity and demand. Priority is always given to students who live in the designated school zone.



Enrolment FAQ's

Do I need to live in the Brighton Secondary School zone for a specific timeframe to qualify for in-zone enrolment?

No. There is no minimum length of time you need to have lived in the zone. However, you must be living within the Brighton Secondary School zone at the time of application and enrolment and have supporting documentation to verify your residential address.

When will I find out if my child's Special Interest Program application is successful?

Applicants will be notified of Special Interest Program outcomes before the Registration of Interest (ROI) closing date. Even if you accept a place in a special interest program, you must still complete the ROI form and provide a copy of the acceptance letter so your details can be registered with the Department for Education and included in the Statewide Transition Process.

Why is the Think Bright program no longer available?

Brighton Secondary School is no longer offering the Think Bright Special Interest Program. Instead, the teaching approaches and opportunities that were part of Think Bright are now embedded into our Year 7 and Year 8 Interdisciplinary Program, which all students experience. As a school community, we believe all students should have the opportunity to explore dynamic ways of learning, investigate big ideas, and work collaboratively.

How many students are enrolled in each Special Interest Program?

Our Special Interest Programs are limited to a total of 65 non-local (out-of-zone) students each year across both programs.

If my child did not apply for a Special Interest Program at the start, can they join later?

Entry into Special Interest Programs is generally only available through the initial application and selection process at Year 7. If your child shows the skills necessary during other years, they may be invited to join at the discretion of the Program Leader and if student numbers allow.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or require further information about Brighton Secondary School, our enrolment process, or our programs, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Our friendly staff are here to assist you and provide the information you need.

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We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our school community.

