



CLASS PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

At Allenby Gardens Primary, we are committed to the educational and wellbeing needs of every student. The process of placing students into classes each year is undertaken thoughtfully, with considerable planning and care from all staff.

The placement process seeks to create classes that are educationally and socially balanced. We carefully consider a range of factors to best meet the needs of all students, within the bounds of our available resources. Class structures, compositions, and student allocations are decided in consultation with teaching staff and the leadership team.

Criteria for Forming Class Lists

Factors influencing class structure include:

- The educational needs of students
- Projected numbers in each year level
- Expected enrolments based on past trends
- The number of teachers allocated to the school
- Available resources and facilities
- Factors considered when placing students include:
 - Individual learning needs
 - Behaviour
 - Gender balance
 - Learning and social networks (including a minimum of one friend)
 - Family circumstances, such as twins or siblings

The leadership and teaching staff make all final decisions about class placements. Family input regarding your child's educational needs will be considered, as long as it aligns with our placement criteria.

Process for Placing Students in Classes

Parent Opportunity:

Parents and carers are invited to provide any information that may help us meet your child's learning, social, or emotional needs, or concerns regarding relationships with other students. This information should be emailed to dl.0473.info@schools.sa.edu.au or given to Front Desk staff by week 8, Friday 11 September 2026. Information received after the specified date may not be accepted, as the placement process will be underway.

Please note that while all requests are considered, they cannot be guaranteed. Your feedback offers us valuable perspectives, though not all requests can be fulfilled due to a range of factors. All information is treated with strict confidentiality.





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Students:

Students may nominate four friends they would like to be with in their future class. We guarantee that each child will be with at least one of these friends. There is no need to rank preferences.

Staff:

Late Term 3, staff use the criteria outlined above to establish class groups for the following school year. Adjustments are made as needed, recognising that one change can affect other groupings. Final class lists are reviewed and ratified by the leadership team.

Families will be notified of class placements with Term 4 student reports. These guidelines are designed to ensure a smooth and positive transition for all students, prioritising their learning and wellbeing. No changes to class placements will be made after parent, staff, and student input has been considered.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does the school sometimes have composite classes?

Staffing and class distributions depend on enrolment numbers in each year level. Composite classes may be necessary due to varying student numbers and can change year to year.

Will my child be disadvantaged in a composite class?

No. All classes have a diverse range of abilities and teachers differentiate learning to meet the Australian Curriculum requirements. Students are assessed according to their assigned year level.

Can I submit information to support my child's placement?

Yes. Please provide information that aligns with our placement criteria.

Why haven't my requests been met?

All requests are considered and documented. However, sometimes requests conflict with others, with student preferences, or with staff professional judgement.

Supporting Your Child with Class Placements

Class placements may bring excitement or concern for your child. Your support is vital in helping them feel confident and positive about this change.

How you can help:

- Stay positive
- Focus on your child's strengths
- Avoid comparisons with others
- Trust the staff and placement process
- Encourage and support friendships
- Foster independence
- Celebrate positives and new opportunities

If you have further questions about class placements, please feel free to contact the school.

