

Enrolment Priority Criteria

Doxa School Bendigo is a Child Safe community committed to providing an environment that is true to the values of our school wide expectations: being **Safe, Kind** and **Curious**.

All eligible applicants will be considered. There is, however, a limit to the number of students who can be offered a place at Doxa School Bendigo and we have developed the following criteria to prioritise applications we receive. In doing so, Doxa School Bendigo adheres to the requirements of the Disability and Discrimination Act (1992) and the Disability Standards for Education (2005).

- 1. Secondary School Age:** Doxa School Bendigo is a registered specialist, secondary school setting. Students enrolled at Doxa School Bendigo will be of secondary school age, 12 years or above.
- 2. Other Available Opportunity/s:** Students who do not have other viable and suitable educational option/s that can meet their needs will be prioritised for enrolment.
- 3. School Community Balance:** Creating a safe learning environment is essential for the opportunities of all Doxa School students therefore consideration will be given to the potential impact of the applicant on existing Doxa School students and other potential enrolments. This may include considering the balance of age, year level, educational abilities, legal considerations and behavioural presentations.
- 4. School Capacity to Meet Needs:** Applicants who are assessed as posing a significant risk to themselves, other students, school staff and/or the broader school community will be considered against the school's capacity to make reasonable adjustments to meet their needs, while mitigating the risk. As part of this, the suitability of staff training and skill, the school program, the school's access to specialist resources and support, and the school's physical environment will be factors accounted for.
- 5. School Enrolment Availability:** Where the maximum capacity of the school enrolment (nominally 50 students) has been reached, Doxa School Bendigo will be unable to enrol additional applicants into the school program.
- 6. Principal Discretion:** The enrolment of any student at Doxa School Bendigo is done at the discretion of the Principal, using these priority criteria and taking into account the school circumstances at the time.

NB: Applicants need to be willing to engage in the opportunities available within the Doxa School Bendigo program and the Principal's Discretion will take this into account. In assessing this, we are acutely aware of the distinction between students not wanting to be part of the Doxa School community, and those who find it difficult to express wanting to be, and we work with parents/carers and professionals to determine this.

Related Documentation:

Doxa School Bendigo Enrolment Policy

Doxa School Bendigo Enrolment Procedures