Enrolling in Year 7 for 2027

In Victoria, students start secondary school when they reach Year 7.

When can I apply?

Applications to enrol in a Victorian government secondary school for 2027:

- Open from **Monday 20 April 2026**
- Are due by **Friday 8 May 2026.**

What are my child's enrolment rights?

In Victoria, your child has the right to enrol at their designated neighbourhood school ('local school') under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. Your local school is determined by the school zone for your permanent address. You can also apply to a school that is not your local school. The school should enrol your child if they have places available.

How do I enrol my child in Year 7 for 2027?

If your child is in a Victorian government primary school, the primary school will give you a copy of the 'Application for Year 7 Placement' that you will need to complete and return by Friday 8 May 2026. You can also find the form on the Moving from primary to secondary school webpage.

You can list **up to 3 preferred** government secondary schools in your application.

If your child is in a non-government primary school, you may contact the secondary school of your choice for more information on the enrolment process.

How do I find my local school and other schools in my area?

You can find the local school you are zoned for using the search function on the Find my School website:

1. Enter findmyschool.vic.gov.au into your browser.
2. Enter your current address under 'Enter your address to get started'.
3. Select 2027 under 'Enrolment year'.
4. Select 'Secondary' and '7' under 'School type'.

The map will then show the local school you are zoned for. Contact details for the school are available on the left of the map. If you scroll down, you will see a list of the five closest government schools to your address.

What if I want to apply to a Catholic or independent school?

If you wish to enrol at a Catholic or independent (non-government) school, you must follow a different enrolment process. You can find more information on the following websites:

- Catholic schools: vcea.catholic.edu.au/choosing-a-catholic-school/
- Independent schools: is.vic.edu.au/independent-schools/

All parents and carers of Year 6 students currently attending a government primary school must complete the *Application for Year 7 Placement* form, even if their child will be attending a non-government school. You can use the form to tell your primary school that you have a confirmed place at a non-government school (including the name of the school) or are awaiting confirmation. If you do not complete the form, your child will receive a placement offer from their local government secondary school.

How do schools prioritise applications?

Schools must offer enrolment to all students who live within their zone. Schools should also offer enrolment to students who live outside their zone, if there are available places.

If a school cannot enrol all students who live outside their zone, applications are prioritised in the following order:

1. students with a sibling at the same permanent address who is attending the school at the same time
2. all other students in order of closeness of their home to the school.

Students who live outside the school zone may also be considered for enrolment on compassionate grounds in exceptional circumstances.

To learn more about how enrolment decisions are made, visit Enrolling in school.

What if my information changes after I've submitted the application form?

Contact your child's primary school as soon as possible. They will update your placement application.

Can I appeal to my preferred secondary school if I don't receive an offer?

Yes, you can appeal your placement outcome. If your child attends a government primary school, their primary school can give you a copy of the department's Appeal Form, which explains how to lodge an appeal with your preferred secondary school.

If your child attends a non-government primary school, contact the secondary school directly. They can provide you with the Appeal Form and information about the appeal process.

What if I am applying from a non-government (Catholic or independent) primary school?

If your child attends a non-government primary school, you should complete the *Application for Year 7 Placement* form and submit it directly to your preferred government secondary school by Friday 8 May 2026.

You can download the application form included in the Year 6 to 7 Placement Information Pack for Parents and Carers from the Moving from primary to secondary school webpage.

Where can I find more information on the Year 7 placement process?

You can find an information pack on the Year 7 placement process at the Moving from primary to secondary school webpage. You can also ask your child's primary school for a copy of the information pack.

If you need help translating the information pack, please talk to your child's primary school.

Who do I contact for help?

The Year 6 Coordinator, Transition Coordinator or Principal of your child's primary school can help you with any questions you may have about the Year 7 placement process.

Useful links

Find my School – findmyschool.vic.gov.au

School zones – vic.gov.au/school-zones

Enrolling in school – vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol

Moving to secondary school – vic.gov.au/moving-primary-secondary-school-information-parents-and-carers

Disability and inclusive education – vic.gov.au/disability-and-inclusive-education

Regional office contacts – vic.gov.au/office-locations-department-education

General enquiries

Email: enquiries@education.vic.gov.au

Phone: 1800 338 663

Timeline for Year 7 placement in 2027

2026 Dates	What do parents/carers need to do?
Term 1: Tuesday 27 January 2026 (students commence 28 January) – Thursday 2 April 2026	
From Term 1, 2026	• **Attend school tours** organised by secondary schools (*optional*).
By Thursday 2 April 2026	• School zones for the 2027 school year are available. You can **find your local school** at www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au.
Term 2: Monday 20 April 2026 – Friday 26 June 2026	
From Monday 20 April 2026	• From the start of Term 2, primary schools will provide the Year 6 to 7 Placement Information Pack to families of Year 6 students. This pack includes the 'Application for Year 7 Placement'. • **You can** also download the Placmentment Information Pack **from Moving from primary to secondary school for more details.**
By Friday 8 May 2026	• **Submit the Application for Year 7 Placement to your child's primary school.** • If your child is currently home-schooled or attends a non-government primary school, submit the application directly to your preferred government secondary school.
Wednesday 24 June 2026	• **Secondary schools will notify you in writing of placement outcomes** for the 2027 school year by this date.
Term 3: Monday 13 July 2026 – Friday 18 September 2026	
Friday 17 July 2026	• If you intend to appeal, submit a written appeal to your preferred secondary school by this date.
By Tuesday 4 August 2026	• Secondary schools will notify you in writing of appeal outcomes.
By Tuesday 11 August 2026	• **Confirm acceptance of your child's place** by completing the 'Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip' and returning it to your child's primary school.
By Tuesday 18 August 2026	• If you have unsuccessfully appealed to your preferred secondary school, you may submit a written appeal to the relevant Regional Director.
Term 4: Monday 5 October 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026	
By Friday 16 October 2026	• If you have lodged an appeal with the Regional Director, the region will notify you in writing of the outcome by this date. This only applies to appeals received by the closing date of Tuesday 18 August 2026.
Tuesday 8 December 2026	• Secondary schools host an **Orientation Day** for Year 6 students.