Dear Parents and Carers

2026 ENROLMENT PROCESS

Thank you for considering Rapids Landing Primary School in 2026.

Please find enclosed Part A: Application for Enrolment. Please return this to the Rapids Landing Primary School Administration Office with your child's Birth Certificate, Immunisation Statement (please see flyer inserted in this package) and Proof of Address. Once your Application for Enrolment Part A and documentation have been received, you will be provided with Part B – the Enrolment Form for you to complete and return.

Further information about our school can be found on our website by visiting https://www.rapidslandingps.wa.edu.au/ We also have a Facebook page we invite you to join https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Elementary-School/Rapids-Landing-Primary-School-173854106476886/

Rapids Landing Primary School is a local intake school (please refer to attached School Zone Map for school boundaries). Students who reside outside of the local intake area may apply for enrolment but must provide a letter addressed to the Principal supporting their application.

An enrolment application does not guarantee your child a place at Rapids Landing Primary School. All applications are considered and selections are made in line with the Department of Education's selection criteria. Applications are ranked accordingly in the following order:

Children whose residence is:

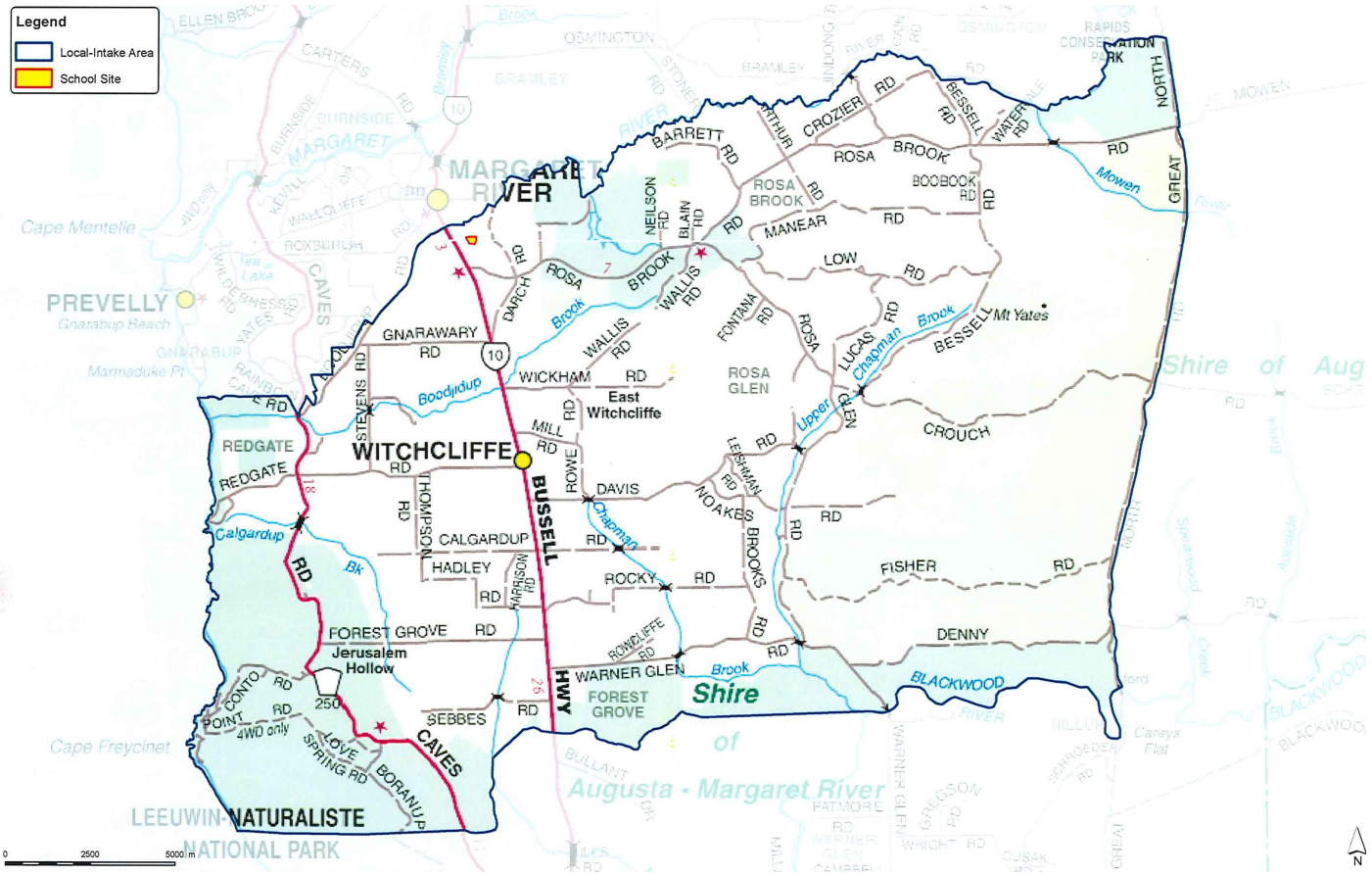
1. In the intake area for the school, who will have a sibling enrolled at the school for that year and lives nearest the school.
2. In the intake area for the school, who does not have a sibling enrolled at the school for that year and lives nearest the school.
3. Is NOT in the intake area for the school, who has a sibling enrolled at the school for that year and lives nearest the school.
4. Is NOT in the intake area of the school, who does not have a sibling enrolled at the school for that year and lives nearest the school

If you have questions regarding the enrolment process or required documentation, please contact the Administration Office by phone on 9757 8200 or email RapidsLanding.PS@education.wa.edu.au

Once again I thank you for considering Rapids Landing Primary School for your child's valuable education and look forward to welcoming you into our school community and creating excellence together.

Kind regards

Liv Matthews
Principal



Department of Health

Starting or moving schools – immunisation records

Why is immunisation important?

Some diseases, like measles and mumps, can be very serious for children, and other people in the community.

In places where people are in close contact, like school, diseases can spread fast.

Help protect your child by making sure they have had all their immunisations.

healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation

What do I have to do when my child starts school?

When your child starts school, you need to give the school their Australian immunisation register (AIR) history statement.

Your child's school needs this, so if any children are not fully immunised they can protect them by telling them to stay away from school if there is an outbreak of some diseases.

What is an AIR history statement?

An AIR history statement is a record of your child's immunisation history.

A copy of your statement is posted to you when your child:

- completes their early childhood immunisation schedule.

How do I get a copy of my child's AIR history statement?

You can ask for a statement at any time by:

- phoning the AIR on 1800 653 809
- visiting your local Medicare centre (Department of Human Services Centre)
- using your Medicare online account through myGov (https://my.gov.au) using the Express Plus Medicare mobile app (https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/express-plus-mobile-apps).

What if my child was not born in Australia?

If your child was born overseas and is not registered on the AIR you should give your child's immunisation record to an immunisation provider (GP or child health clinic) and ask them to forward your child's overseas records to AIR to ensure you get an AIR statement for future use.

What if I have not immunised my child for medical or other reasons?

If you have not immunised your child for any reason, you still need to give the school an AIR certificate which says your child has not had any immunisations.

Call AIR on 1800 653 809 for more information.

When do I need to give the school my child's immunisation history?

Whenever your child starts at a new school, the law says that you must give the school your child's immunisation records. This includes:

- enrolling your child at kindy or pre-primary
- enrolling your child at secondary school
- every time your child changes school.

What if I change address?

If you change address, please inform your doctor, the school or community nurse and Medicare. This will help ensure that you can be contacted with immunisation updates if required.

Contacts

Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)
Phone: 1800 653 809

Central Immunisation Clinic
Phone: 9321 1312
8.30am–4.30pm weekdays

Your local doctor

Your local community health centre, hospital or public health unit
www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/publichealthunits

HealthDirect Australia
Phone: 1800 022 222

More information

Department of Health
www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation

HealthyWA
healthywa.wa.gov.au

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with disability.

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ENROLMENT PACK (PART A)

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT

(For enrolment in a Western Australian Public School)

The form is to be completed in English. If you need help including translation and interpreting services, please ask the school staff about assistance available through the Statewide Services Resource and Information Centre - English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) Program. Website: http://det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/eald/detcms/portal/

Parent information about applying to enrol in a Western Australian public school

Thank you for your interest in applying to enrol your child in a Western Australian public school.

Enrolment in a public school is a two-step process and Rapids Landing Primary School requires the following process:

***Step 1*: Enrolment Pack Part A – Application for Enrolment**
Parents lodge an *Application for Enrolment Form* with the school (attached within this pack).

***Step 2*: Enrolment Pack Part B – Enrolment (includes Parent information about enrolment in a Western Australian public school and the Enrolment Form)**
If your child is eligible for enrolment, you will be provided with *Parent information about enrolment* in a Western Australian public school and you will be required to complete an *Enrolment Form* for Rapids Landing Primary School.

The school will notify you of the results of your application as soon as possible. The information you have provided will be used by the school once eligibility is confirmed.

Documentary evidence, including court orders relating to your child, may be required to support information supplied. Principals may consult with the Education Regional Office where sufficient evidence has not been supplied. All official records must be in the child's **legal** name. The use of a preferred name may be possible for informal communications.

It is highly recommended not to purchase items such as uniforms until you receive confirmation of enrolment.

The Department's *Enrolment Policy* can be found at http://www.det.wa.edu.au/policies.

Who can enrol a child?

Enrolment applications can be lodged by:

1. Parents, defined in the *School Education Act 1999* as persons who at law have responsibility for the long term care, welfare and development of the child; or their day-to-day care, welfare and development;
2. Independent minors; and
3. Persons aged 18 years or older who may apply on their own behalf.

The school may require documentary evidence in support of the application. A person with proper authority to make the application must provide the required information. The school is not required to determine whether another parent or person with authority concurs with the the application or the information included in it.

If there is a dispute between parents or authorised persons about the enrolment or one party requests or has enrolled the child at a different school, then the schools involved should endeavour to maintain the original enrolment and continuity of the child's schooling unless it is clearly not in the child's educational interests to do so, is not possible, or has been determined otherwise by a court. For further information see Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in the Enrolment Policy, under Related Information).

Who can be enrolled?

Permanent Australian residents and those children holding an approved visa subclass are entitled to be enrolled, although not necessarily at a particular school unless the school has a 'local-intake area' (refer section **Applications to local-intake schools (compulsory years of schooling)** below). Those overseas students who do not have an entitlement to enrol in a public school may be enrolled on a full fee paying basis under conditions which the school will outline.

In establishing a usual place of residence, the *Residential Parks (Long-stay Tenants) Act 2006* recognises any agreement conferring the right to occupy premises for a fixed term of three months or longer. Short term residential arrangements can be accepted in cases such as recent arrival in the State, residence in boarding houses and caravan parks, or homelessness.

Schools may not enrol children who are:
1. receiving home education; or
2. applying to enrol at another school; or
3. enrolled at another Kindergarten (public or private), unless transferring.

From 22 July 2019, Kindergarten children must meet the new immunisation requirements before they can enrol at a school, community kindergarten or day care program. This change will assist to better protect young and vulnerable children and the wider community from vaccine preventable diseases. Parents applying to enrol their children in Kindergarten programs are encouraged to ensure their children's immunisation is 'up-to-date' to avoid their application for enrolment being declined.

The principal may consider whether a child may attend for a short period (s 75(2) *School Education Act 1999*) and may consult with the school in which the student is already enrolled before a decision about attending is made. Attendance for more than four weeks requires that the student relinquish enrolment at the school in which the student is already enrolled.

Where can students be enrolled?

The enrolment requirements differ from school to school. Local-intake schools have a designated geographical area from which enrolments are taken. Local-intake schools must accept all applicants from within their defined area, subject to residential qualifications. Non local-intake schools may receive applications but not necessarily enrol all applicants (see below for further advice on applications to non local-intake schools). Rapids Landing Primary School is a local-intake school.

If you are unsure whether the school you applied for has local-intake status, you may check the *Declaration of Local-Intake Areas for Schools* on the Department's policies website at http://www.det.wa.edu.au/policies, (Browse via A-Z document list). Further information is available from the ***Enrolment*** **policy/Enrolment Procedures/Local-intake area schools**, or contact either the principal of the school or the Coordinator Regional Operations at the local Education Regional Office.

Applications to local-intake schools (compulsory years of schooling)

Where the school has a local-intake area, an eligible child whose place of residence is within that area is guaranteed enrolment in the compulsory years of schooling (Pre-primary to Year 12).

Children whose usual place of residence is not in the local-intake area are accommodated where possible. If the school has further capacity to accommodate children from outside the local-intake area, after making provision for local-intake area needs, the following selection criteria are to be applied in considering applications for enrolment:

First Priority	Second Priority	Third Priority
Child qualifying for an approved specialist program for that year.	Child who has a sibling also enrolled at the school in the current year, (other than siblings enrolled in specialist programs), and who lives nearest the school.	Child who does not have a sibling enrolled at the school in the current year, or who has a sibling enrolled in a specialist program, and who lives nearest the school.

Applications to local-intake schools (pre-compulsory years of schooling)

Students in the pre-compulsory year of schooling (Kindergarten) will be offered a place subject to meeting the immunisation requirements for enrolment. The following selection criteria are to be applied in considering applications for enrolment:

First Priority	Second Priority	Third Priority	Fourth Priority
Child residing in the local-intake area who has a sibling enrolled at the	Child in the local-intake area who does not have a sibling enrolled at the	Child not residing in the local-intake area who has a sibling enrolled at the	Child not residing in the local-intake area who does not have a sibling

school in the current year, and who lives nearest the school.	school in the current year, and who lives nearest the school.	school in the current year, and who lives nearest the school.	enrolled at the school in, and who lives nearest the school.

Applications to non-local-intake schools (pre-compulsory and compulsory)

Where the school does not have a local-intake area and the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the child living nearest to the school will be given priority. Parents applying to enrol their children in specialist programs and siblings of children already enrolled at the school do not have priority over those children living nearest the school. That is, proximity to the school is the only criterion to be used in non local-intake schools.

Lodging Applications and Enrolment Forms from local-intake area students

Families residing in the local-intake area may lodge the Application for Enrolment Form and the Enrolment Form concurrently, with the agreement of the school.

Applications for starting school and for the first year of secondary school

Parents are encouraged to apply by the closing date in the year prior to attending, even if the child is of compulsory school age (Pre-primary to Year 12) and is guaranteed a place in the local school. This assists schools with planning.

For children of compulsory school age wishing to enrol at a school that is not the local school the closing date for applications for the first round of offers is the first Friday in Term 3 of the previous year.

For children starting in Kindergarten the closing date for applications for the first round of offers is the first Friday in Term 3 of the previous year.

Applications may still be made after this date and will be considered on a case by case basis, in accordance with the Department of Education's *Enrolment Policy* which can be found at http://www.det.wa.edu.au/policies.

Requested documentation

You will be asked to show:

- ☐ Your child's Birth Certificate (original or certified copy) or birth extract or equivalent identity documents;
- ☐ Your child's Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement;
- ☐ Proof of your child's usual place of residence: for example, utilities account, lease agreement, ownership of the property, driver's licence, statutory declaration;
- ☐ Copies of any Family Court or other court orders, and
- ☐ Visa details (if applicable).

You will need to provide evidence of your child's current immunisation status when you lodge an application to enrol. You can provide one of the following:

- Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement that is not more than two months old; or
- Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Form for children on a catch up schedule that is not more than six months old; or
- Immunisation Certificate issued by the Chief Health Officer.

Other immunisation documents are no longer accepted.
Once the application has been accepted, you will be required to complete an Enrolment Form and submit it to the school (refer to the Enrolment Pack Part B – Enrolment). If your Application for Enrolment is not accepted, you will be advised in writing within three weeks of the advertised closing date for applications.

Eligibility to enrol in a particular school

The only guaranteed place in a public school is if you live in the local-intake area of that school. Enrolment in a particular primary school does not guarantee a place at a specific secondary school.

Applications to transfer from another school

Decisions about the enrolment of your child into a specific year of schooling and/or the educational program will be based on age eligibility, as well as the child's level of previous schooling, achievement levels and identified needs.

If you are applying for the following year, you will be advised in writing about your application within three weeks of the closing date for applications (that is after the end of the first week of Term 3). If you are applying for the current year, you will be advised in writing as soon as possible.

Once the application has been accepted, in addition to the Enrolment Form you will also need to supply evidence of your child's progress from the previous school. This can be in the form of reports, records or samples of work.

If your child has gained enrolment from outside the local-intake area into a specialist program, any siblings cannot be guaranteed enrolment to the same school.

Kindergarten

The Western Australian Government fully funds Kindergarten for age-eligible children in public schools and supplements the cost of Kindergarten in Catholic and independent schools. Children may be enrolled in Kindergarten in one school only, either public or private.

From 2020, only Kindergarten children can only enrol if:

- their immunisation status is 'up to date'; or
- they are on an approved immunisation catch up plan; or
- they meet the criteria to be an exempt child because of particular family circumstances.

Disclosure of information

For parents of students with disability

In order to provide an appropriate education program the school may require specific information relating to your child's disability and personal needs to enable the school to make any necessary teaching and learning adjustments. The school may also use the information you provide when applying for specialist resources or services and/or supplementary funding to support your child's education.

Suspensions and exclusions

Information on any suspensions and exclusions needs to be provided to the school at the time of applying to enrol. This information will help the school to provide your child with any support that may be required.

Children currently under suspension from a public school cannot be enrolled at another public school until the suspension period expires.

Children who have previously been suspended or excluded from a public school may be required to enter into a behaviour agreement with the school if enrolment is accepted.

Confidentiality

All information provided on this form will be treated confidentially. Section 242 of the *School Education Act 1999* precludes this information from being used for any purpose other than: to determine whether your application for enrolment can be accepted; to assist the school with addressing any needs for your child if enrolment is accepted; and to comply with legal requirements or ministerial directions.

Disputes

Should you disagree with a school's advice regarding your application for enrolment please contact the principal in the first instance. The Coordinator Regional Operations at your Education Regional Office can provide advice if a concern has not been resolved. Information about formal disputes can be obtained from the school, the Education Regional Office or the Department's *Enrolment Policy* which can be found at http://www.det.wa.edu.au/policies.

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Department of Education

Rapids LANDING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Application for Enrolment in a Western Australian Public School (Primary)

You must complete a separate enrolment application for each student. You need to complete an enrolment application form if:

- You are enrolling a child in Kindergarten for the following year.
- You are enrolling a child in Pre-primary for the following year.
- You are enrolling a child in Year 7 at a new school for the following year.
- You are enrolling a child transferring from another school in any year level.

Submitting an application for enrolment does not guarantee you will receive a place at the school. The school will notify you in writing of the outcome of your application.

If you are unable to complete this application form, please contact the school for help.

SCHOOL NAME

School Name

PERSONAL DETAILS (Please complete all details below)

Child's Surname

Legal Surname (if different)

Given Names

Date of birth (dd/mm/yy) / / **Gender** Male Female Not Specified

Parent Surname

Parent First Name **Title** Mr Mrs Ms Other

Residential Address (must be completed) **Postcode**

Postal Address (If different from residential) **Postcode**

Telephone (Home) **Telephone (Work)**

Mobile Phone Number **Email**

Year Level enrolling in **Beginning of school Year** ○ YES ○ NO

If not start of year, indicate start date (dd/mm/yy) / / **Reason**

If applicable, year level your child is currently or last enrolled in (eg Year 1)

If applicable, name of school your child is currently or last enrolled

Are there any Family Court orders regarding the day to day or long term care, welfare and development of your child?

○ YES ○ NO If yes, please provide a copy with enrolment

Does your child have an Australian Immunisation register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement?

○ YES ○ NO If your application is accepted, you will be asked to provide an Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement that is not more than two months old.

Will there be any siblings attending this school? ○ YES ○ NO Name/s and year levels:

Is your child currently under suspension from a school? ○ YES ○ NO

If yes, name of school

Is your child a permanent resident of Australia? ○ YES ○ NO Country of Birth

If Born overseas, date entered Australia: / / Visa Number

Visa Sub Class Number Expiry date / /

Does Your Child have a health or medical condition, disability or additional needs? ○ YES ○ NO

Details:

DECLARATION

The information and statements provided in this application for enrolment are true and accurate in relation to:

Name of person enrolling child

Relationship to child

Telephone (Home) **Telephone (Work)**

Mobile Phone Number **Email**

Signature **Date** / /

☐ **If you are completing this form electronically, please place an X in this box to confirm the above information is true.**

The students Application for Enrolment is ☐ Accepted ☐ Denied DATE: _____

PRINCIPAL'S NAME ..... SIGNATURE_____