



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the College on 5973 1000.

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community how we manage requests for class placements, for the following school year.

POLICY

The process that Somerville Secondary College works through to plan each student's class placement begins months before the end of the school year. We understand that in certain situations, parents and carers may like to request that their child be placed with a particular friend or in a particular class.

Requests for placement with friends

Somerville Secondary College recognises the importance of fostering and maintaining friendship groups. We also understand that it is equally important for students to mix and learn with peers who have different interests.

If you would like to request that your child be placed in a class with a particular friend or friends, please ensure that you make this request by October of the year prior so that we can consider your request in organising our classes for the following year.

Requests for class placements must be made in writing, outlining who you would like your child to be placed with and why. Requests can be addressed to the College's Transition Coordinator if in Grade 6 or the relevant Sub school team if in current Years 7 - 9. We will not always be able to accommodate class placement requests but will endeavour to take your wishes into consideration where possible.

Requests for placement with certain teachers

All teachers at Somerville Secondary College are caring and committed educators and Somerville Secondary College strives to ensure that all students are provided with a high-quality education.

Whilst we appreciate that you may wish that your child would benefit from being placed in a class with a particular teacher, we are unable to accommodate these requests. Our school's leadership team has an in-depth understanding of each teacher's strengths and will always endeavour to place our students with teachers who are best placed to suit their needs. We do not re-allocate students to different classes during the school year, unless exceptional circumstances arise. Parents will be advised of the situation if it arises.

Requests for students to repeat a year level

Our school will follow the Department of Education and Training policy in the Department's *Policy and Advisory Library* on Year Level Movement – see [Repeating a Year Level](#) policy.



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Class Placements Policy

We will regularly promote students to the next year level and will exercise our professional expertise and judgment in relation to these matters. Students are only able to repeat a year level in exceptional circumstances where Somerville Secondary College considers it is required for the long-term benefit of the student e.g. considering their social, wellbeing and academic needs. We will ensure that parents/carers are advised of the options that we consider best meet individual student needs. Students will not repeat a year level without the consent of parents/carers.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	August 2024
Approved by	Principal
Reviewed at College Council	August 2024
Next scheduled review date	August 2028 The recommended minimum review cycle for this policy is 3 to 4 years.