Ourimbah Public School

Class Formation Policy 2011

In forming classes consideration will be given to:

- distribution of student abilities and gender
- composition of class structure
- providing stable school structure and organisation
- annual school priorities
- professional capacity and preference of teachers
- social welfare support for students
- sensitive placement for all students

*Classes will only be formed when enrolments have been determined. It is expected that a holding arrangement will be implemented at the beginning of the year- until enrolments have been determined.*

Student Placement

When placing students in classes consideration will be given to:

- educational need and level (Support Teacher Learning /Gifted and Talented/Disability)
- academic portfolio of student
- welfare need and portfolio of student
- professional judgement of teachers and executive staff
- student school history, previous classes, teachers, composite, multi-age classes, special circumstances.
- Confidential parental input about child’s specific circumstances (health, social, emotional, physical considerations).

Each class will support cohesive academic groupings. These groups would be fluent and flexible in order to accommodate differing rates of growth of students. These internal class groupings should be representative and cater for students with advanced ability and those who require individual support or learn best with the direct aid and support of the class teacher.

The class structure should avoid creating sets of students that may become social enclaves. In multi-age classes the smaller grouping should not be less than 8 students.

In developing student placement arrangements, consideration should be given to distributing Challenging students to enable the most productive learning possible.

The placement of students with special needs (those supported by integration funding, on IEPs or with diagnosed /identified special needs) will be made following consultation with and recommendations made by the Learning Support Team.

*Restructure during the year*

If there is a significant increase or reduction in enrolments during the year, restructuring all or some of the classes may need to occur.