2026-27 STATEWIDE YEAR 6 TO 7 PLACEMENT TIMELINE – **FOR YEAR 7 PLACEMENT IN 2027**

Dates	Activity	Responsible Party	
Term 1: Tuesday 27 January 2026 (students commence 28 January) – Thursday 2 April 2026			
From Term 1, 2026	Secondary schools conduct tours and update their website using the 'Template website content' on the Enrolment Policy: Year 6-7 placement page in the Policy and Advisory Library (PAL).	Primary	Secondary
By Friday 20 March 2026	Primary schools **check all Year 6 student details with families** (address, parent details and living arrangements) and update any changes in CASES21.	Primary	
By Thursday 2 April 2026	**School zones for the 2027 school year** go live on www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au. **Placement information packs for 2026-27** are released: • 'Year 6-7 Placement Information Pack for Parents and Carers' (**parent/carer pack**) is available from the Moving from primary to secondary school webpage. • 'Year 6-7 Placement Information Pack for Schools' (**school pack**) is available from the Enrolment Policy: Year 6 to 7 placement page.	DE – Central	
Term 2: Monday 20 April 2026 – Friday 26 June 2026			
By Wednesday 22 April 2026	**Year 7 placement applications open** – primary schools should: • distribute the parent/carer pack to all families of Year 6 students. • refer parents/carers to www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au to locate their designated neighbourhood school for 2027 and the Moving from primary to secondary school webpage for more information.	Primary	
By Friday 8 May 2026	The Department of Education notifies secondary schools if they are going to receive an **Enrolment Management Implementation Plan (EMIP)** for the 2027 school year. This includes schools receiving an updated EMIP. Schools with an EMIP must include information about their enrolment restriction on their website. Refer to Enrolment: Restricting enrolments for sample wording.	DE – Regions	
By Friday 8 May 2026	**Year 7 placement applications due** – Parents/carers submit their completed 'Application for Year 7 Placement 2027' form to their child's primary school from this date.	Parents/carers	
By Monday 18 May 2026	**Primary schools send all initial placement requests (first preferences) to secondary schools** using the 'Placement Requests Summary'. Copies of the 'Application for Year 7 Placement 2027' should be attached to the summary.	Primary	
By Monday 1 June 2026	Secondary schools advise primary schools of any unsuccessful initial placement requests (outcomes of first round preferences) using the 'Non-Placement Confirmation Summary' from the school pack.	Secondary	
From Tuesday 2 June 2026	If a placement request is unsuccessful, primary schools submit the 'Placement Requests Summary' to the next preferred secondary school (second, then third preference) until the student is successfully placed. If a student is not placed at any of their preferred schools, the primary school must send the 'Placement Requests Summary' to the student's designated neighbourhood school.	Primary	
By Monday 15 June 2026	**Secondary schools notify primary schools of all students accepted into Year 7** (first, second and third preference rounds) for 2027, using the 'Placement Confirmation Summary'.	Secondary	
Wednesday 24 June 2026	**Placement offers made –** primary schools notify parents/carers of Year 7 placement outcomes using the 'Placement Notification Template'. The 'Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip' must be included and, where relevant, the 'Appeal Form'.	Primary	
From Thursday 25 June 2026	Secondary schools may commence distributing transition and orientation information to parents/carers.	Secondary	
Term 3: Monday 13 July 2026 – Friday 18 September 2026			
Friday 17 July 2026	**Appeals to secondary schools due –** parents/carers may lodge an appeal with their preferred secondary school. Parents/carers must use the 'Appeal Form' provided with the Year 7 placement outcome.	Parents/carers	
By Tuesday 4 August 2026	Secondary schools notify parents/carers of appeal outcomes using the 'Appeal Outcome Templates.'	Secondary	
By Tuesday 11 August 2026	**Parents/carers return their 'Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip'** to their child's primary school.	Parents/carers	
By Tuesday 18 August 2026	**Appeals to Regional Directors due** – parents/carers may submit an appeal to the Regional Director if they have been unsuccessful with their appeal to their preferred school. Parents/carers must use the same school 'Appeal Form' and include correspondence from the school declining the appeal.	Parents/carers	
By Thursday 20 August 2026	Primary schools send the updated 'Placement Confirmation Summary' back to secondary schools.	Primary	
From end of August 2026	Primary schools may commence transferring student information to secondary schools for all students who have accepted their Year 7 placement.	Primary	
Term 4: Monday 5 October 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026			
By Friday 16 October 2026	Regions notify parents/carers in writing of the outcome of Regional Director appeals (only applies to appeals received by the due date of Tuesday 18 August). This concludes the appeal process.	DE – Regions	
By Friday 6 November 2026	Primary schools send an updated 'Placement Confirmation Summary' to any secondary schools affected by appeal outcomes.	Primary	
Tuesday 8 December 2026	Secondary schools host an Orientation Day for Year 6 students.	Secondary	

FURTHER INFORMATION

Schools must:

- offer placement to students who live in the school zone and out-of-zone siblings.
- offer placement to out-of-zone students if they have sufficient accommodation. If schools have limited places, they must prioritise enrolment of students who live nearest the school in accordance with the department's priority order of placement.
- share student information with secondary schools after offers are accepted by parents/carers in August and prior to the statewide orientation day in December.

Schools must not:

- communicate with parents/carers regarding the status or outcome of placement applications prior to Wednesday 24 June 2026.
- undertake testing or hold interviews with prospective families before placement offers are made.

Important note: Victorian government primary schools manage the Year 7 placement process for their current Year 6 students. Primary schools must ensure that all Year 6 students have a confirmed destination (new secondary school) for Year 7 before the end of the school year. Primary school staff must ensure that every student's 2027 destination is accurately recorded in CASES21.

Student Insight (Digital Enrolment)

In 2026, some schools in the North Eastern (NEVR) and South Eastern (SEVR) regions will use Student Insight, the department's new online enrolment system. Schools that have not been notified by their Regional Office that they will be using Student Insight must continue to follow the standard paper-based enrolment process outlined in this document. Schools using Student Insight for online enrolments must clearly indicate this on their website.

EMIPs

Schools with an EMIP **must include** information about their enrolment restriction on their website. Sample wording for use on school websites can be found on the Enrolment: Restricting enrolments page in PAL. Updated EMIP advice for the 2027 school year will be released in Term 2, 2026.

Application for Year 7 placement

All families with Year 6 students at government schools must complete and return the 'Application for Year 7 Placement 2027' (application form). Primary schools are responsible for checking that:

- the information supplied by the parent/carer in the application form is accurate and complete.
- address details on the application form reflects information in CASES21.
- secondary school preference/s are clear.

If a parent/carer does not return their child's application form by Friday 8 May, primary schools are required to take reasonable steps to follow up with them. If these attempts are unsuccessful, staff must advise the parent/carer, in writing, that their enrolment details will be shared with their designated neighbourhood school on Monday 18 May.

Placement offers

Secondary schools must follow the department's Placement Policy and their EMIP, should they have one for the 2027 school year.

Secondary schools offering specific in-school curriculum/artistic/sporting/leadership programs must communicate to prospective families that the school cannot use curriculum grounds or anticipated test results to reserve or prioritise Year 7 placements. Schools are also not allowed to test for Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) or sports programs before confirming placement offers.

Compassionate grounds

In exceptional circumstances, a school may enrol a student on compassionate grounds. All schools, including those with EMIPs, must review and consider appeals on compassionate grounds, regardless of capacity. For more information, refer to the Placement Policy.

Non-placement at preferred school

Primary schools must provide parents/carers with a copy of the 'Appeal Form' when students are not offered a place at one of their preference schools. For guidance on the appeal process, refer to Appealing enrolment decisions and consult the statewide timeline for relevant closing dates.

Year 7 acceptance

All families must return the '*Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip'* to their primary school. This includes students who will be attending a non-government school or where the family has lodged an appeal.

Primary schools must take reasonable steps to follow up with parents/carers to confirm their child's Year 7 placement for 2027. If these attempts are unsuccessful, staff must advise the family in writing that their child's information will be shared with their designated neighbourhood school by 6 November 2026.

Determining permanent residence

Schools must follow the department's guidance on Determining permanent residence when verifying a student's address. Prior to a Year 7 placement offer being made, any questions about validating a student's permanent residence should be directed to the student's primary school. After placements are offered on 24 June 2026, secondary schools can verify this information directly with parents/carers.

Transfer of student information

Student information must be shared between the primary and confirmed secondary school. The CASES21 student data transfer process is used to share student enrolment details including personal and health information. Other transition information includes achievement, foreseeable risk and wellbeing information (refer to Primary to Secondary School Transition Policy).

Late applications

Primary schools must continue to manage late applications until the end of the school year.

Secondary schools must continue to review and offer placement to late applications from students residing within their school zone. Where a school can accept all students who seek entry, placement should be offered to students residing outside of the school zone.

Families cannot re-apply for enrolment at a school they have previously applied to, except through the appeals process.

Students at non-government primary schools

Families of Year 6 students at non-government schools may approach secondary schools directly if their child's primary school is not supporting the statewide placement process. Non-government families must still use the application form in the parent/carer pack.

For direct submissions from these families, secondary schools must acknowledge receipt of the application form and advise families, in writing, that if their child is not successful in gaining a Year 7 placement at their preference/s, their form will be forwarded to their designated neighbourhood school. Placement offers must be made on 24 June 2026, in accordance with the statewide timeline.