

**ATTACHMENT B**

**ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN  
DARWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
as at August 2020**

*A school that has reached 85 per cent operating capacity must develop an Enrolment Management Plan as outlined in the [Enrolment Management and Priority Enrolment Guidelines](#). The school has 10 business days to submit its Enrolment Management Plan to the Regional Director for endorsement. Enrolment Management Plans are to be submitted to the Executive Director (North/South) for approval. Independent public school plans are approved by the Chief Executive, or delegate. Approved plans are to be published on the school's website.*

Darwin Middle School recognises its obligation to ensure students living within the priority enrolment area have access to educational services and facilities at this school. Current enrolments are at a level requiring the school to place restrictions on out-of-priority enrolment area enrolments to ensure that it meets its educational obligations to local students.

This Enrolment Management Plan is aligned with the Department of Education Enrolment Management and Priority Enrolment Guidelines and outlines the measures that are currently in force at Darwin Middle School.

**Operational capacity**

The maximum operational capacity of the school is 851 students.

The current number of enrolments at the school is 870 students.

This equates to 103 per cent operational capacity.

**Current statistics**

Current student numbers by year level are:

Middle School	Year level	Students from inside PEA	Students from outside PEA	Total students	No. of classrooms
	7	207	101	308	12
	8	170	110	280	11
	9	189	93	282	11
Total		566	304	870	34

## Specialised programs

Program Name	Details
Year 7 Concert Band	Students may audition to be part of DMS Concert Band
Students of High Performance (SOHP)	Only to be considered if the school can manage the enrolment to not exceed ten (10) Year 7 classes (250- 270 students)

## Priority enrolment area

The priority enrolment area is outlined in the below map. The number of students currently enrolled who reside outside the priority enrolment area is 304 students.



## Population growth forecasts

Rental and property prices have dropped significantly over the last 18-24 months. This has allowed for families to move to the Darwin CBD and other suburbs that may have been outside their financial reach.

There has also been a shift for some families who may no longer be able to afford private education costs but are residing within the PEA, and seeking enrolment at designated government middle school.



## **Assessment criteria**

Enrolment applications for a student who **resides within** the priority enrolment area will be accepted. Parents who wish to enrol a child in the school must demonstrate that the student's primary place of residence is within the priority enrolment area.

All enrolment applications for students who **reside outside** the priority enrolment area will be assessed using the following criteria:

- 1) For 2021, Year 7 enrolments- student who have completed Year 6 at a primary school within our priority enrolment area, but reside outside of the catchment area. For 2022, Year 7 enrolments, this criteria is not a guaranteed option.
- 2) For 2021, Year 7 enrolments - a younger sibling of a currently enrolled student who will continue for the 2021 school year, attending Darwin Middle School.
- 3) For 2021, Year 7 enrolments - students who reside outside of the priority enrolment area may audition for the Year 7 Concert Band on selected instruments, as directed by the Assistant Principal Performing Arts.
- 4) Places will be considered for the Year 7 SOHP program if school capacity allows.

## **Priority enrolment area enrolment contingency**

A 15 per cent contingency is reserved for students within the priority enrolment area. Once the operational capacity has reached 85 per cent, all applications for enrolment from students residing outside the priority enrolment area will be declined.

## **Enrolment management strategies**

The following enrolment management strategies will apply while this Enrolment Management Plan is in force.

1. Strict adherence to the priority enrolment area assessment criteria for acceptance of future enrolments.
2. Notify families in writing, via primary schools and their Councils/ Boards, from 2022, acceptance of a student into a primary school within the priority enrolment area, or if an older sibling is currently enrolled with Darwin Middle School, does not guarantee acceptance of that student into Darwin Middle School, if they are residing outside of the priority area.

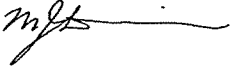
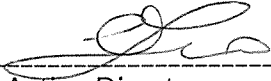
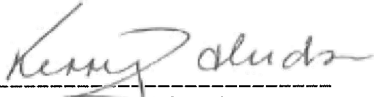

## **Date to be published**

The Enrolment Management Plan for Darwin Middle School will be published on the Darwin Middle School website.

## **Review**

This Enrolment Management Plan will remain in force until enrolments fall to seventy-five per cent, or below, operational capacity. The plan is to be reviewed annually or more frequently if required to reflect a significant change in enrolments and/or the operational capacity of the school.

## Approval

Prepared by: Marcus Dixon  ----- Principal name and signature	21/08/2020 Date
Noted by: Laurie Zio  ----- QSSS Acting Director name and signature	21/8/2020 Date
Approved or Noted by: <i>(Executive Director will note Independent Public Schools and approve all other Enrolment Management Plans)</i> Kerry Hudson  ----- Acting Executive Director, School Improvement and Leadership	14 October 2020 Date
Approved by: <i>(Chief Executive will approve Independent Public Schools only)</i> Karen Weston  ----- Chief Executive, Department of Education	26/10/2020 Date