

## **Hillmorton High School – Special Programme**

### **Home zone**

All students who live within the home zone **described on attached document** (and *shown on the attached map*) shall be entitled to enrol at the school.

### **Special programmes**

Hillmorton High School operates the Upland Specialist programme for up to 35 learners with multiple disabilities, verified for the On-going Resourcing Scheme.

### **Upland Specialist Programme for ORS funded students**

Students are supported in their individual programmes of learning in Upland classes of 5 – 10 students, in mainstream classes where appropriate, and in the local community.

We employ a full-time speech language therapist, an occupational therapist and a physiotherapist when available. These staff work in collaboration with parents, caregivers, staff and the young people themselves to help the students develop their skills and knowledge to ensure positive futures within the wider community.

We have high expectations for these students, as with all Hillmorton students.

### **Priorities for enrolment:**

To be eligible for enrolment into The Upland Specialist Programme, a student must be verified for ORS. Each year the Board will identify the number of spaces available in the programme for the following year. If there are places available, the Board will publish this information by way of a notice in a daily or community newspaper and on the school website. The notice will indicate how applications are to be made and will specify a date by which applications must be received.

If there are more applicants than places, the Board will offer places by way of a ballot. If there are more applicants in a priority group than there are places available, places must be allocated in priority order until a category is reached where the number of spaces available in that category is insufficient to accommodate the number of eligible students. Selection within that priority group must be by ballot conducted in accordance with instructions issued by the Secretary under Section 11G (1) of the Education Act 1989.

Places will be allocated to students in the following order:

- Those who live within the home zone, or are already enrolled at the school
- Those who live within the geographic catchment of Waitaha Special School
- Those who have previously attended a special school or specialised programme
- All other applicants

Where there are more applicants than spaces, the ballot will be used to establish a waiting list for vacancies that may arise during the year.

Applicants who live out-of-zone and do not secure a place in the special programme will enter the selection process for places at the school on the same basis as other out-of-zone students (unless the parents advise they do not wish to apply for places outside of the special programme).