

Mairehau High School - Special Programme

Mairehau High School operates the '**Mairehau High School Supported Learning Programme**' for up to 21 learners with high or very high learning needs.

Students who live within the school's home zone and meet the criteria for enrolment in the special programme will be enrolled ahead of eligible out-of-zone students.

To be eligible for the programme, students must be verified for the Ongoing Resource Scheme (ORS) and require an individualised learning programme to meet their learning needs.

An interview will be necessary for all applicants as Whanau/family support is an essential component of the programme.

Enrolment

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.

Procedures for enrolment in case of more applications than places available:

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 that live within the catchment of Ferndale 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.