



## Student Accommodation Information Sheet for Parents - Boundaries Proposal -

The Department of Education and Communities is committed to ensuring properly resourced public schools that provide quality learning environments for all children. The Department monitors student accommodation enabling local residents to enrol their children in a public school that caters to their children's individual learning needs.

### Quality Learning

The Department is proud of the confidence that parents have in our Government Schools on Sydney's Northern Beaches. In all of our Northern Beaches Public Schools, teachers are ensuring quality learning opportunities for children. The Department values Integrity, Excellence, Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Participation, Care, Fairness and Democracy. We encourage our schools to offer students the ability to develop skills in these areas by participating in classroom, school wide and community based activities. Understanding that quality education needs to be directed by the students' needs rather than those of the teacher, our schools are moving away from the traditional focus on teaching and striving for targeted learning. This requires teachers to develop engaging techniques to motivate interest in the curriculum being studied.

### Background Information

As demand for enrolment in our public schools has increased. At Manly Village Public School, teachers have had to reduce the amount of time that they can program for flexible learning. A working party consisting of Principals and Community representatives from each of the six Government Public Schools catering for families in the Manly Electorate has been established to share programs and resources across the schools to provide consistent resourcing and curriculum delivery.

In 2010, Manly Village Public School had 542 student enrolments. In 2014, student enrolments equal 696. These enrolments are projected to reach 887 in 2018. This is due to large numbers entering Kindergarten as much smaller cohorts leave Year 6 over the next few years. Manly Village has back converted every possible store room and special purpose room, creating classrooms to cater to the recent rise in student population. In accordance with the Department's *Enrolment of Students in Government School Policy 1997*, public schools in the Manly Electorate are not in a position to accept non local enrolments as the demand for local placements is so great.

### Managing Resources

The Department is pleased with the June 2014 NSW Government Budget announcements that include major capital building works for Harbord Public School and Manly Vale Public School.

Due to heritage listing of the buildings on the Manly Village Public School site, it is not viable to plan major capital works to meet the rising number of enrolments.

A change to school boundaries is one strategy that the Department utilises to ensure the provision of appropriate educational resources for children.

In July 2014 there will be some changes to the enrolment boundaries of Manly Village and Manly West Public Schools to cap the number of enrolments at Manly Village Public School from 2015. These changes will only affect new families enrolling their children. Parents with children currently enrolled will be able to enrol their younger children at Manly Village Public School.



### Contacts

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# Boundary Changes - Manly Village / Manly West Public Schools

