

# KURNAI YOUNG PARENTS PROGRAM ENROLMENT POLICY



## HELP FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Kurnai College on 03 5165 0600 or [kurnai.co@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kurnai.co@education.vic.gov.au).

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to specify entry eligibility criteria for students seeking to participate in Kurnai College's flexible learning option, offered at the Kurnai Young Parents Program (KYPP).

## POLICY

### About Kurnai Young Parents Program

Kurnai Young Parents Program is a standalone, specialist campus of Kurnai College that offers young people with a family with essential numeracy and literacy skills and the opportunity to work towards finishing their schooling. KYPP provides a caring, flexible and supportive learning environment for all young parents while adapting to and celebrating the enchantment and challenges of parenting.

Participation in our KYPP program is a parent friendly program for students whose needs cannot be met in a mainstream setting, with a focus on supporting the student to complete their Year 12 VCAL/ VCE VM/VPC schooling and make plans for further pathway through employment or further education.

We welcome eligible students from the ages of 14 – 20 (unless the Minister or delegate grants an exemption from the maximum school age requirements – refer to [School age requirements and exemptions](#)).

### Eligibility criteria

The following enrolment criteria have been specified and approved by the Regional Director, South-Eastern Victoria Region (as the Minister's delegate) under section 2.2.16(b) of the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* (Vic).

Students seeking to enrol must be pregnant or parenting and meet any conditions outlined in the Department of Education's [Pregnancy and Parenting — Students Policy](#).

When our flexible learning option has insufficient places to meet demand, the principal or delegate of Kurnai College, in consultation with the region, will consider referrals based on:

1. an assessment of educational needs and risk
2. whether there or any other suitable educational options available to the student
3. students who attend a school in the *Latrobe Valley Network*, as defined by the Secretary of the Department of Education and subject to change from time-to-time.

Applications from students who do not meet the eligibility criteria will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the region, in consultation with both the principal of Kurnai College and the principal of the school the student is enrolled.

### Enrolment on compassionate grounds

In exceptional circumstances, a student seeking enrolment at KYPP may be approved by the Regional Director South-

Eastern Victoria outside of the priority order of placement, based on compassionate grounds. This is an overarching consideration and does not form part of the priority order of placement. Further advice and support when considering applications on compassionate grounds is available on the [Policy and Advisory Library](#) and from regional staff.

### Appeal process

Parents/carers are able to appeal against the decision not to provide entry, unless a decision has already been made by the Regional Director. This can occur in relation to placements at any age level and the following process applies:

#### 1. Appeal to the school's Principal

Appeals are to be made in writing and lodged with the Principal of Kurnai College.

The school's decision will be communicated to the parent/carer in writing. In assessing the appeal, the school will check to ensure the entry decision is consistent with the eligibility criteria set out in this policy and any other factors that may be relevant to the decision.

#### 2. Appeal to the Regional Director

If the appeal at the school level is unsuccessful and parents/carers are not satisfied that their appeal has been adequately considered, they are able to escalate this by lodging an appeal in writing to:

Regional Director, South-Eastern Victoria Region

PO Box 5, Dandenong, VIC 3175

[sevr@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sevr@education.vic.gov.au)

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Made available publicly on our website
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

This policy should be read alongside and in conjunction with the following Department policies:

- [Attendance](#)
- [Enrolment](#)
- [Exemptions from School Attendance and Enrolment](#)
- [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	7 December 2022
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	Before term 1, 2025

This policy is subject to review by the Principal every 3 to 4 years. Proposed updates will be made on a needs basis, with any proposed changes relating to eligibility criteria and priority order of placement requiring approval from the Minister for Education or the regional director, as the minister's delegate.