

## School Catchments - FAQ

### New Bella Vista PS, Matthew Pearce PS, Kellyville PS, Beaumont Hills PS

Question	Response
1) What is NSW Government doing to manage student population growth?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NSW is experiencing extraordinary population growth in Sydney and major regional centres. Sydney's population will double in size in just over 40 years. To put this into context, for more than 30 years, NSW public education has had relatively stable student numbers.</li> <li>▪ The NSW Government is committed to deliver its multi-billion dollar schools investment program. This is the biggest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.</li> <li>▪ We are committed to providing fit for purpose school infrastructure solutions by working together with all our stakeholders to create learning environments that serve our future needs.</li> </ul>
2) Why are catchment boundaries changing? And why now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ School catchment boundaries play an important role in planning for provision of student places.</li> <li>▪ In the context of student population growth in Sydney, sometimes it will be necessary for the Department to adjust school catchments to distribute student numbers among the local schools depending upon the demand and capacities of schools.</li> <li>▪ A new school at Bella Vista has been built, commencing operations from D1T1 2019. Therefore, a new catchment for the new school is being established, together with some adjustments to the catchments of surrounding existing schools.</li> </ul>
3) Where do I find out about new catchment areas?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Catchment information is available from the local schools and/or from the School Finder website.</li> <li>▪ In general, if you move into the area and have a child starting school in 2019 then that child will go to the local school that services your new catchment area.</li> </ul>

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4) How will changing catchment's effect siblings of already enrolled pupils?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Enrolment changes due to amended catchment boundaries will be managed in line with the DoE enrolment policy.</li> <li>▪ If you currently have a child at certain school and a younger sibling who is due to start school, then the younger sibling will be able to attend the school attended by older sibling, if they so choose. Even if the family finds itself outside of the new catchment area, they will be accepted at either catchments.</li> <li>▪ Children of families that have deep ties with a certain school will be able to attend that school provided they haven't moved house.</li> </ul>
5) Changes to catchments are going to drive house prices down in areas - have you considered this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Catchment boundary adjustments process is independent of any positive or negative impact on real estate value of individual dwellings.</li> </ul>
6) Will children be expected to travel further with boundary changes? How are you going to help with that?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When proposing new or making changes to existing boundaries, consideration has been given to minimise additional travel distance for the impacted students, where possible.</li> </ul>