

Dear Speech Pathologists,

Thank you for referring students to join our school community in 2023. Despite the continued challenges faced by families wishing to access a speech pathologist, we once again received a large number of referrals and have maintained the number of students enrolled in the school across our three campuses.

Students at the NEMLDC are provided with exceptional teaching and a high level of care by specially trained teachers, education assistants, speech pathologists, an occupational therapist and a school psychologist.

PLACES AVAILABLE

We have the ability to change our class structures from year to year in order to meet the needs of our referring community. Whilst we typically offer most places to students entering Kindergarten and Pre-primary, some places will be available for students entering Year 1. We therefore kindly ask that you consider referring all children who clearly demonstrate the referral criteria.

KINDERGARTEN PLACEMENTS

Our Kindergarten program is a 5-day fortnight, with alternating two and three day weeks, similar to many other schools. Students will be allocated to the most appropriate class and unfortunately we cannot accommodate requests for particular days.

DOCUMENTS & CLOSING DATES

The 2024 referral documents are now available, with some minor changes to a number of the forms. Most notably, whilst a narrative assessment remains essential, we will now accept an alternative narrative to the Bus Story (see Referral Guidelines document for more information).

Please ensure you use the 2024 forms, which can be downloaded from our website:

<http://northeastldc.wa.edu.au/enrolments/nemldc-referral-information/>. We appreciate receiving completed referrals by the closing date:

- Pre-primary/Year 1 referrals: Friday 8th September 2023 (Term 3, Week 8)
- Kindergarten referrals: Wednesday 20st September 2023 (Term 3, Week 10).

If you have identified potential applicants and are unable to complete the referral by the closing date, please make contact as soon as possible to discuss a potential extension.

ASSESSMENT LOANS

The CELF-5 and CELF-P3 are available to loan from the NEMLDC, for the purpose of completing an LDC application only. A fee of \$10 is payable per test paper, with a \$100 bond for the assessment. Please contact the office on 9218 1600 to book the assessment, and discuss method of payment.

DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

Documents can be submitted separately by each referring agent. If submitting your application as a hard copy, we kindly ask that you attach the documents with a paper clip rather than stapling the documents. Acknowledgement emails to confirm the receipt of all referrals will be sent. Notification of referral outcomes will be sent to families and referring agents by mail early in November. Please ensure you notify the office if your contact details change.

OVERSEAS FEE PAYING STUDENTS

Please be aware that overseas fee paying students are not eligible for enrolment at the NEMLDC. To determine whether a student's visa places them within the overseas fee paying student category please visit the Department of Education Enrolment from Overseas Schedule document. All referrals for students on visas must be submitted with relevant evidence to demonstrate they fall under the approved visa categories. Students without the relevant evidence will not be offered places within the school.

BUS SERVICE

Each year the demand for the School Bus Service is high and in some instances applications for the bus have been declined due to unavailability of places. Parents can apply online for the School Bus Service once they have confirmation that their child has been offered a place by visiting the School Bus Services website. Notification of application outcomes will be provided by School Bus Services late in January 2024.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We encourage you to make contact with the NEMLDC if you have any queries.

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