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Dear Speech Pathologists,

Thank you for referring students for consideration for placement at our school in 2026. We are pleased to share that we once again received a high volume of referrals and, with the addition of a new classroom at our Beechboro campus, have been able to increase enrolments across our three campuses.

Students at the NEMLDC benefit from high-quality teaching and comprehensive support provided by specially trained teachers, education assistants, speech pathologists, an occupational therapist, a school psychologist, and a student wellbeing officer.

PLACES AVAILABLE

Our class structures are reviewed and adjusted each year to accommodate as many new enrolments as possible. While most placements are typically offered to students entering Kindergarten and Pre-primary, a limited number of places may also be available for students entering Year 1. We therefore encourage you to refer all children who clearly meet 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. It should be noted; we do not have the facility for a Kindergarten class at our Beechboro campus and applicants for Kindergarten who reside in the area typically serviced by the Beechboro campus will be considered for the West Morley or North Balga campus.

DOCUMENTS & CLOSING DATES

The 2027 referral documents are now available, please refer to the Referral Guidelines document for more information. Please note these guidelines and forms have been updated, and therefore we ask you review the guidelines even if you are an experienced speech pathologist who regularly submits referrals to an LDC.

Please ensure you use the 2027 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 11th September 2026 (Term 3, Week 8)
- **Kindergarten referrals:** Wednesday 23rd September 2026 (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.

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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. School Bus Services have informed the school that priority will be given to students attending a full-time placement and therefore bus places for Kindergarten students will be considered once full-time students have been accommodated. The School Bus Service has implemented a change to their service provision this year and students may now be collected from and dropped off at a local hub OR if the schedule of the bus allows, from their home address. The school has been informed this service provision model is likely to continue for 2027. 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 2027.

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

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