

CONCORD SCHOOL POLICY

STUDENT AGE AND YEAR LEVEL POLICY

Students at Concord School often enter Foundation in the year they turn 7 or older and/or 'repeat' one or more years at their previous mainstream school. If these students continue their standard progression through the year levels they will finish Year 12 in the year in which they turn 19 or older. This is not permitted within the *Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007* unless otherwise determined through an application to the DET.

In the DET Guidelines for Continuation of PSD Funding for Students, it states that for consideration of continuation of PSD funding for a student turning 19 the student must be enrolled at that school solely for the purpose of completing an *accredited senior secondary course* which includes the full intermediate or senior level of the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL). Therefore, those students completing the foundation level of the VCAL program are not eligible to apply.

The following table shows the year level placement of student based on their age

Year Level	Age Turned in that Year	Learning Area
Foundation	6	Lower Primary
Year 1	7	Lower Primary
Year 2	8	Lower Primary
Year 3	9	Lower Primary
Year 4	10	Lower or Upper Primary
Year 5	11	Upper Primary
Year 6	12	Upper Primary
Year 7	13	Secondary 7-8
Year 8	14	Secondary 7-8
Year 9	15	Secondary 9-10
Year 10	16	Secondary 9-10
Year 11	17	Secondary 11-12
Year 12	18	Secondary 11-12

Students who are in the correct year level for their age when they commence Foundation, or enter from their previous school, will continue through to Year 12 in a standard progression (as shown in the table above).

Students who are not at the correct age when they commence school for the first time will commence in **Prep** and will then progress through Primary School then they must enter Year 7 (Secondary School) in the year that they turn 13.



Students who are not in the correct year level for their age when they enter from their **previous school**, will enter at the year level and learning area as shown in the table above. They will then continue through to Year 12 in a standard progression.

In exceptional circumstances, this progression may vary between Foundation and Year 10.

DET Guidelines for Continuation of PSD Funding for Students

Information regarding DET Guidelines for Continuation of PSD Funding for Students can be accessed in the 'Program for Students with Disabilities – students turning 19 or 20 and completing a senior secondary course' booklet within the following link

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/learningneeds/Pages/psdhandbook.aspx>

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in June 2021 and is scheduled for review in June 2024.