



ENROLMENT POLICY

BACKGROUND

Elizabeth Blackburn Sciences (EBS) is a campus of The University High School that has been designed to cater and engage young people in Years 11 and 12 who have a passion and the potential for success in the fields of Science and Mathematics. EBS has been designed in partnership with Department of Education (DE), University of Melbourne and Bio21 and will expose students to the latest innovations and excellence in the teaching of contemporary science and mathematics.

Prospective students and their families can find further information on our website [About Elizabeth Blackburn Sciences](#).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to specify the entry criteria for students seeking enrolment University High School – Elizabeth Blackburn Sciences.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students seeking enrolment into University High School – Elizabeth Blackburn Sciences.

University High School follows Department of Education policy and procedures for all other aspects of student enrolment, including Years 8-12.

ENROLMENT CRITERIA

University High School is a designated neighbourhood school and has a school zone. Eligible students who permanently reside within the school's zone are guaranteed enrolment at University High School.

Priority Order of Placement

Under section 2.2.16(b) of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic) the entry criteria for University High School is:

- Students who live within the school zone (guaranteed entry)
- Students with a sibling attending the school at the same time (priority 1 of the priority order of placement)
- Students seeking enrolment on compassionate grounds. (This is an overarching consideration and does not form part of the priority order of placement.)

Interested students in Year 10 and Year 11 who are inquisitive and have aptitude for studying science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) at Elizabeth Blackburn Sciences are eligible to apply.

Each candidate will need to complete the entrance process and will be considered based on their ability to demonstrate:

- A genuine passion and intense interest in pursuing a career in the field of the sciences or mathematics
- A talent and potential for high performance in the sciences, mathematics and related fields of interest.
- The ability to thrive and engage in an innovative learning environment while preserving the values and traditions of University High School.

Students do not have to reside within the school zone and must be an Australian citizen or holder of an



eligible resident's visa at the time of application to enrol at EBS.

Verification of permanent address University High School – Elizabeth Blackburn Sciences may ask for supporting documentation to assist in verifying a student's permanent residence.

The school may also make the following enquiries to verify the information provided:

- checking the electoral roll at an Australian Electoral Commission office or the Victorian Electoral Commission head office
- checking with a real estate agent to confirm a rental address
- for a rental property which is a studio apartment or a one-bedroom unit, checking whether there are any regulations/codes limiting the occupancy of these apartments to one person per apartment.

An application for enrolment may be unsuccessful if, after reasonable enquiries, the principal is unable to verify that the evidence provided is genuine and valid.

International students

University High School – Elizabeth Blackburn Sciences is accredited under the Department of Education's International Student Program (CRICOS code 00861K).

Fee-paying international students who hold a subclass 500 student visa (in their own name) must enrol through the International Student Program. For more information, see: [International Student Program](#).

SELECTION PROCESS

All students seeking entry on curriculum grounds into Elizabeth Blackburn Sciences must follow the selection process outlined below.

The application process to Elizabeth Blackburn Sciences involves two stages:

1. Entrance Exam

The first stage of our entrance process is for all prospective students to register and complete a formal assessment on a specific date and time. This formal entry assessment is administered by Edutest and covers the following abilities and aptitudes:

- Academic potential
- Literacy
- Scientific aptitude
- Mathematics and numeracy

The Edutest assessment is not a test of subject specific knowledge. To ensure equity for all applicants, specific information about the entrance examination will not be provided by the school.

Registration and assessment dates for enrolment are published on our website at [Applications for EBS](#).

2. Interview

Students who proceed to stage two of their application will be requested to attend an interview day with EBS staff onsite at Elizabeth Blackburn Sciences. This day will comprise of an individual interview as well as written and group tasks. Interview information will be communicated to parents/carers via email.

APPEAL PROCESS

Parents/carers can appeal an enrolment decision by lodging a written appeal with the principal. If this appeal is unsuccessful and parents/carers are not satisfied that their appeal has been adequately



considered, they may write to the South Western Victoria Regional Director at enrolments.swv@education.vic.gov.au.

COMMUNICATION

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

- available publicly on our school's website

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Enrolment Policy](#)
- [Placement Policy](#)
- [Eligibility to enrol in a Victorian government school](#)
- [Designated Purpose Settings](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	February 2026
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	February 2030

This policy is subject to review by the principal every 3 to 4 years. Any proposed changes relating to eligibility criteria and priority order of placement require approval from the Minister for Education or their delegate.