

# Year group classifications - understanding my child's year group

*Classification of students at West Melton School Te Kura o te Papatahora*  
On starting school your child will be allocated a year level classification.

This classification system is common in most New Zealand schools.

This system is to ensure our students are given the opportunity to develop a strong foundation for their ongoing learning journey, and so they are not too young to transition to High School.

## *West Melton School Te Kura o te Papatahora guidelines*

Children who start school at age five in Term One in the first cohort are classified as Year 1 and automatically move up a level at the beginning of each year.

Children who start school in Term One with the second cohort are initially classified as Year 1. At the end of the year in consultation with parents, the Principal, Leader of Learning and Pod teacher individual children may be reclassified as Year 1 for the following year. Consideration regarding social skills, emotional maturity and academic progress will assist with determining this.

Children who start school in Terms Two, Three and Four are classified as Year 0 and will automatically move up a year level at the beginning of each school year.

Children may not start school before their fifth birthday.

Any children who enrol and start school aged six, will be considered on an individual basis.

The Principal is responsible for the placement and classification of all children. In exceptional circumstances the Principal may determine placements outside of these guidelines.

NOTE: The Ministry of Education follows a different classification system for school funding. This should not be confused with school classification.

