



ORATIA SCHOOL

Out of Zone Ballot OPEN for children turning five and starting school in 2027

The Oratia School Board of Trustees has determined that 30 places will be available for out-of-zone students turning 5 and starting school in 2027.

- The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places at 3:00 PM on Wednesday 14 October 2026.
- The ballot, if necessary, will be held on Wednesday 21 October 2026.
- Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Out-of-Zone Enrolment Scheme

Students who do not live within our school zone can apply for a place in our ballot as part of our out-of-zone enrolment scheme.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. Applications from out-of-zone students will be processed in priority order as detailed below.

Ballot Priority

Ballot applications for enrolment will be processed in the following order of priority:

1st Priority: Will be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in an approved special programme. This priority category is **not** applicable at Oratia School.

2nd Priority: Must be given to applicants who are siblings of current students.

3rd Priority: Must be given to applicants who are siblings of former students.

4th Priority: Must be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.

5th Priority: Must be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the Board or a child of a member of the Board of the school.

6th Priority: Must be given to all other applicants.

If there are more applicants in the second, third, fourth or fifth priority groups than there are places available, selection within the priority group will be by ballot conducted in accordance with instructions issued by the Secretary under Section 11G(1) of the Education Act 1989.

Application Submission

All out-of-zone applications can be either dropped to the school office during school hours 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM or submitted via email to michellem@oratia.school.nz

You will be required to submit with your application form, a copy of the following:

- Your child's passport or Birth Certificate
- Permanent Residency visa or student visa

If your application is successful, we will need to sight all original documents.