Design Document for SchoolBud

Design goal	 The SchoolBud chatbot aims to answer the questions that parents have regarding the elaborate school policies and enrolment process. The Victoria State Government Education and Training Website specifies many zone restrictions and the policy documents are overwhelming for parents. SchoolBud would answer direct questions, gathering basic data like the parent's location, schools nearby in the background. With a growing number of schools in Victoria and change in school zones, such a chatbot is necessary for users of the education.vic.gov.au website to allow users easy access to its data.
User perceptions	 The SchoolBud chatbot needs to be easily accessible to the parents. It should answer all the queries that the parents have regarding the school rules. It should provide enough information to the parents so that they can select a school for their kids that fulfils their wishes. It should also let parents access specific sections of the policies for better clarity.
Functional attributes	 It can answer questions regarding: Will the kid's school change after you move to a new zone? What are the best schools in my neighbourhood and their NAPLAN scores? What are the chances of getting enrolled in a school? What speciality schools are available that suits my kid's interest? What are the transfer policies? What are the admission policies? Using data collected from its users, It does demand – vacancy analysis and can inform schools about the number of people interested in getting an enrollment and help schools to manage intake. It can help the schools in keeping track of the enrollment queue. It can let the parents know what their chances are of their kid getting into a school.
Tech Used	 The chatbot is built using NodeJs and DialogFlow. It can be accessed through an app on the phone and through a chat interface on a website.
Constraints	Availability of data regarding the zone definitions, enrolment policies and real-time school enrolment data is a constraint.

 SchoolBud is made using DialogFlow which allows many different integrations and features, but it might require human intervention to answer complex queries.