

### **What if I am unsuccessful in the ballot?**

Your name will be drawn and you will be placed on a waiting list. The school will advise you of your place on the list.

### **How do you define living in the "home zone"?**

If your usual place of residence is within the home zone you may apply for enrolment. When enrolling, the school may require proof of residence e.g. tenancy agreement, certificate of title or utility bills, etc. If the school finds that you have given false information, the school may refuse to enrol the student or annul the enrolment.

### **What can I do if a school tells me that it cannot enrol my child?**

First of all, contact the school and ask whether the school has an enrolment scheme. If it does not, the school should not be declining any enrolments. Ask the school to put the refusal in writing stating the relevant details. You can then contact your nearest Ministry of Education office.

If the school does have an enrolment scheme, check to see whether you live in the home zone. You will be able to see a copy of the scheme at the school or visit [www.schoolzones.co.nz](http://www.schoolzones.co.nz)

If you do not live in the school's home zone, then there will be another school that is reasonably convenient to your home that your child could attend.

If there are *exceptional* circumstances why your child should be enrolled at a particular school you may be able to apply to the ministry for a directed enrolment. However, the ministry rarely directs an enrolment.

### **Are things any different at a State integrated school, a Kura Kaupapa Maori or a Designated Character School?**

Schools of these types may have authority to operate enrolment schemes if there are likely to be more applicants for enrolment at the school than there are places available. Enrolment schemes at these schools do not have to include a home zone or provide for a ballot.

A **State integrated school** is a school with a special (religious) character, which has been integrated into the State system. Every integrated school has a maximum roll which it is not allowed to exceed. First of all an integrated school has to cater for students who meet the school's special character requirements. If there is room left, the school is able to enrol a small number of students who do not meet the special character requirements.

A **Kura Kaupapa Maori** is a State school where teaching is in the Maori language and the school's aims, purposes and objectives reflect the Te Aho Matua philosophy. Kura Kaupapa Maori are able to restrict enrolments to the children of parents who accept the kura's aims, purposes and objectives.

A **Designated Character School** is a State school with a particular character, but different from integrated schools and kura kaupapa Maori. These schools are able to restrict enrolments to the children of parents who accept the school's aims, purposes and objectives.

For further information regarding these schools contact the school directly.