

These are the details of the September 2022 allocation of Secondary School places in Newcastle. This information was not available at the time of our Consultation Report but sadly it shows that the situation faced by children of the Inner West is **even worse** than it was this time last year.

	2022	2021	Difference
<u>ALL OF NEWCASTLE</u>			
Applications for Year 7 places received	2,638		
First Preferences allocated	78%	79%	1% fewer
<i>Unrequested places*</i> allocated	7%	7%	No change
No. of children allocated <i>unrequested places*</i>	193	182	11 more

ALL DISTRICTS IN NEWCASTLE except INNER WEST

Applications for Year 7 places received	1,789		
First Preferences allocated	84%	84%	No change
<i>Unrequested places*</i> allocated	4%	5%	1% better
No. of children allocated <i>unrequested places*</i>	71	88	17 fewer

INNER WEST NEWCASTLE only

Applications for Year 7 places received	849		
First Preferences allocated	65%	68%	3% fewer
<i>Unrequested places*</i> allocated	14%	11%	3% more
No. of children allocated <i>unrequested places*</i>	122	94	28 more

* ***Unrequested places*** refer to places given to children at schools which their parents did not choose as any of their Preferences.

1. Last year, the chance of an Inner West parent being allocated a place in an unrequested school was just over twice as likely as a parent living elsewhere in the city (11% to 5%); **now it is three and a half times more likely (14% to 4%)**
2. There are more children from the Inner West being allocated places in unrequested schools than the rest of the city put together (122 compared to 71, a difference of 51) and that differential has increased **more than EIGHT FOLD in one year** (from 94 to 88 in 2021, a difference of 6)