

Cohort entry

Cohort entry is when new entrants start school in groups through the year rather than on their fifth birthday.

When can my child start school under cohort entry?

From 1 January 2020, changes made to the Act (through the Education Amendment Act 2019) take effect so that:

- Children will be able to start school in cohorts but only after they have turned 5
- There will be 2 entry points per term, one on the first day of term and one at a mid-point during a term.

2023 mid-term dates for schools with cohort entry

TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID TERM DATE*	END OF TERM
1	07/02/2023	06/03/2023	06/04/2023
2	24/04/2023	29/05/2023	30/06/2023
3	17/07/2023	21/08/2023	22/09/2023
4	09/10/2023	13/11/2023	20/12/2023

2024 mid-term dates for schools with cohort entry

TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID TERM DATE*	END OF TERM
1	07/02/2024**	11/03/2024	12/04/2024
2	29/04/2024	04/06/2024 (Tuesday)	05/07/2024
3	22/07/2024	26/08/2024	27/09/2024
4	14/10/2024	18/11/2024	20/12/2024

2025 mid-term dates for schools with cohort entry

TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID TERM DATE	END OF TERM
1	7/2/2025	10/03/2025	11/04/2025
2	28/04/2025	26/05/2025	27/06/2025
3	14/07/2025	18/08/2025	19/09/2025
4	06/10/2025	10/11/2025	19/12/2025

Please note: the 'Start of Term Date' for Term 1 for 2023/2024/2025 is the latest possible Term 1 start date provided by the Ministry of Education. Matakana School may not necessarily use the above dates as the first day of Term 1. You must contact the school to confirm the applicable date for the first day of Term 1.