

Preferencing FAQs

Before you preference, you will need to check and if necessary **update your residential address in eStudent** as the system will use this information when allocating your preference.

Go to <https://student1.mq.edu.au/T1SMPROD/WebApps/eStudent/>

Can I go to a centre/preschool/school for more than one placement?

No. Student teachers may not attend the same centre or school for more than one block of Professional Experience. A wide range of experiences is essential.

Can I undertake Professional Experience if I have a close connection to staff or children?

No. Student teachers are not permitted to undertake Professional Experience in a placement where they have a close personal connection with staff or children. In particular, they are not permitted to undertake Professional Experience in the centre or school attended by their child/ren relatives or friends' children.

Can I undertake a placement in my place of work?

If you are completing a placement at a school you are **not** permitted to undertake your placement at your workplace.

Although workplace placements are not encouraged at centres, you can request to undertake **one** such placement during the **final** year of your program. You will receive an email prior to preferencing with the opportunity to apply for a work placement. This will be forwarded to the relevant unit coordinator for consideration.

Do I preference if I live out of Sydney metropolitan areas?

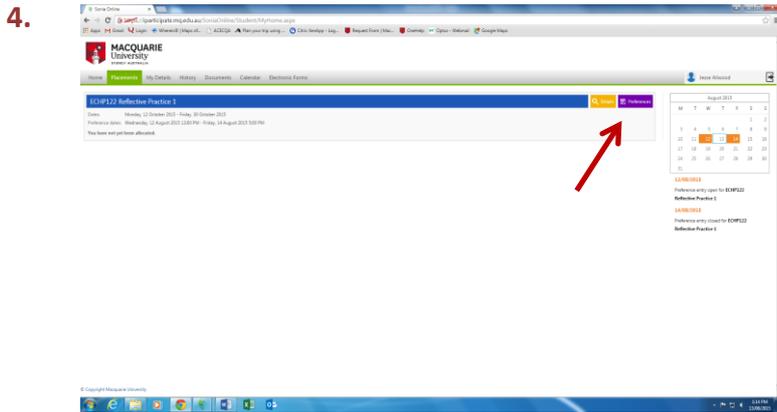
Yes. If there are not enough centres/schools within a 90 minute radius from your residential address, please email the professional experience office des.pe@mq.edu.au for assistance.

How to choose your preferences:

1. Go to <https://iParticipate.mq.edu.au>
2. Enter your **username and password**. Your username and password is your Macquarie OneID and password. For help contact OneHelp: onehelp@mq.edu.au or 9850 4357.

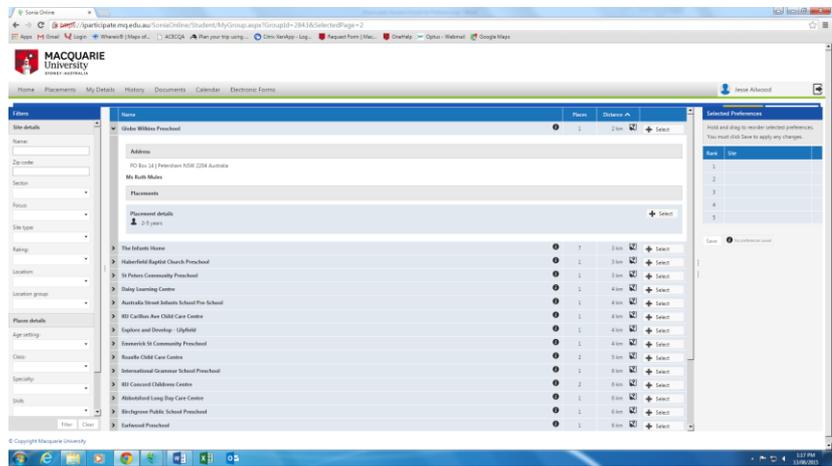


3. Click on the **Placements** tab.

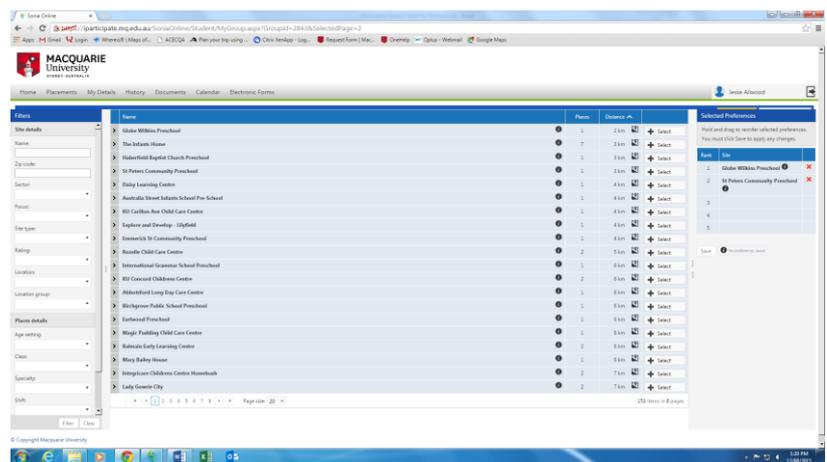


Then click on the **Preference Button** in **purple** located on the right. This will open up the available sites.

5. Using the arrow to the left of each site name, expand to see the available age settings/grades (this information may not be available for all units) at the site.



6. Now select your required placement, this should automatically appear in the right hand column.



7. You will only be able to select **one** placement at each site.
8. Once you have selected the minimum number of preferences and you are happy with your selection, remember to press '**SAVE**'.
9. You can adjust the order and preferences as many times as you like until the final preference date.

Please note that while the system tries its best to allocate based on each student's list of preferences, preferences CANNOT be guaranteed.