

STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

POLICY: ENROLMENT

PURPOSE

Consistent with the Special Catholic Character of the School, preference of enrolment will be given to families who have established connection with the Catholic Church.

PROCEDURES

Maximum Roll

The number of places for enrolment each year at Stella Maris Catholic School is determined by the maximum roll prescribed in the School's Integration Agreement. The number of places for non-preference students will be governed by the maximum allowable in the School's Integration Agreement.

Enrolment Procedures

There is no restriction on who may apply for entry, provided they fall within the legal description in the School's Integration Agreement. Preference of enrolment is established by the Parish Priest, or designated agent of the proprietor, in accordance with the revised guidelines approved by the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand in 2009.

Priority in Enrolment:

Priority 1: Preference applicants who can establish a connection with the Catholic Church under one of the following criteria

1. The child has been baptised or is being prepared for baptism in the Catholic Church.
2. The child's parents/guardians have already allowed one or more of its siblings to be baptised in the Catholic faith.
3. At least one parent/guardian is a Catholic, and although their child has not yet been baptised, the child's participation in the life of the school could lead to the parents having the child baptised.
4. With the agreement of the child's parent/guardian, a grandparent or other significant adult in the child's life, such as an aunt, uncle or godparent, undertakes to support the child's formation in the faith and practices of the Catholic Church.
5. One or both of a child's non-Catholic parents/guardians is preparing to become a Catholic.

Priority 2: Non-preference applicants: siblings of non-preference students currently enrolled, if the total of non-preference students is less than 5% of the maximum roll

Priority 3: Non-preference applicants, if the total of non-preference students is less than 5% of the maximum roll

Non-preference students will be accepted in order of date of application for enrolment

POLICY REVIEW DATE

This Policy will be reviewed according to the Board's Effectiveness Review Programme