

# **Non-Preference Enrolment Information for Parents Seeking Enrolment at Stella Maris School**

Under the Integration Act (1975) Stella Maris has a maximum roll of 500 pupils at primary level, from New Entrants to Year 6.

The School can accept up to a maximum of 5% [25] non-preference children if places are available after all preference children are accepted.

1. State Integrated schools select preference students on the following grounds:
  - A] The agent for determining preference are the listed Agents of the Bishop, who may sign the Certificate on his Behalf:
    - a) Parish Priest of their Parish of Residence
    - b) Assistant Priest of their Parish of Residence
    - c) Priests appointed under c. 517/1
    - d) Deacons and lay persons appointed to pastoral care under c. 517/2
    - e) Ethnic chaplains who liaise with Parish Priests or their delegate
    - f) Local committees appointed by the Bishop or by any of the above agents of the Bishop.
  - B] The grounds for preference are:

## **Criteria for Preference of Enrolment in Integrated Catholic Schools**

- 5.1 The child has been baptised or is being prepared for baptism in the Catholic Church.
- 5.2 The child's parents/guardians have already allowed one or more of its siblings to be baptised in the Catholic faith.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 With the agreement of the child's parent/guardian, a significant familial adult such as a grandparent, aunt or uncle who is actively involved in the child's upbringing undertakes to support the child's formation in the faith and practices of the Catholic Church.
- 5.5 One or both of a child's non-Catholic parents/guardians is preparing to become a Catholic.

## **2. State Integrated schools have places for non preference students.**

- a) This school has a maximum of 25 places.
- b) There are currently 0 places likely to be available in this 2020 year.
- c) The school is now at 100% of its maximum and no non-preference places are likely until 2022.
- d) Non-Preference places criteria:
  - i. The applicants accept that they will be attending a school of special character and that their place in the school is conditional on their participating in the programme.
  - ii. The applicants accept that they will be required to pay attendance dues as set by the proprietor and these are not voluntary.
- e) Non-Preference criteria that apply to this school.
  1. The siblings of non-preference students already in the school.
  2. The children of staff or Board members who seek to enrol their children.
  3. Siblings of former non-preference students.
  4. Non-preference students coming from another integrated school with the same special character.
  5. Other children if a vacancy exists after all non preference children have been accepted and there is no children on the Preference Waiting List.
- f) Non-Preference students who cannot enrol immediately may choose to be placed on a Waiting List. Students on this list are wait listed in date and will be contacted if places become available. Acceptance is at the discretion of the Principal.