

St Peter's College

Eligibility for Enrolment



Preference of Enrolment

Catholic schools are integrated. This means they are state funded, but the owner/proprietor of the school can protect its identity (special character) by having an enrolment policy. Catholic schools give preference to students who can establish “a particular or general religious connection with the Special Character of the school.” These preference criteria mean:

- The child has been baptised or is being prepared for baptism in the Catholic Church.
- The child's parents or guardians have already allowed one or more of their siblings to be baptised in the Catholic faith.
- At least one parent/guardian is 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.
- 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 (i.e. the sacramental programme).
- One of the child's non-Catholic parents/guardians is preparing to become Catholic.

If you believe your child qualifies for preference you could ring the college or visit the Parish Priest in your area (the school can give you contact details if you need them) so that he may consider your case. He will have a copy of the relevant form. If he can be presented with sufficient evidence, he will sign that form to grant preference. You can then bring that form to the school so that your child might be considered for enrolment. Enrolments will not be accepted until this signed form is received. By law St Peter's College is allowed to enrol a small percentage of its maximum roll whose families do not have “a particular or general religious connection with the Special Character of the school.” Such students are described as non-preference. Each year, due to student graduation, a small number of places become available. Prospective parents are encouraged to approach the school as soon as possible to be considered for one of these places. A waiting list exists, and a timely application is advised.

St Peter's College has a maximum of 25 spaces in total and is currently at maximum capacity.

Open Place Enrolment

Non-Preference places criteria:

- The applicants accept that they will be attending a school of special character and that their place in the school is conditional on their participation in the Religious Education programme.
- The applicants accept that they will be required to pay attendance dues as set by the Proprietor and these are not voluntary.

Non-Preference criteria that apply to this school:

- A student enrolling in our boarding establishment, Rosmini House.
- The siblings of non-preference students already in the school.
- Siblings of former non-preference students.
- The children of staff or Board members who seek to enrol their children.
- Non-preference students coming from another integrated school with the same special character.

Our procedure involves an interview of the parents and child by the principal. The interviews are held mid year so that unsuccessful families are able to make other arrangements. During the interview the principal endeavours to establish that the family:

- Has a wish for a Special Character Education.
- Will support the school in all matters relating to Special Character.
- Is willing to pay Attendance Dues:
(Primary (years 7 and 8) \$123.75 a term, Secondary (years 9-13) \$241.25 a term)
- Would benefit from having their child at St Peter's College rather than another school. This last criterion is important since our selection is based on student need rather than academic, cultural, or sporting giftedness.

Once enrolled an open place student is treated the same as other students.

NB: Enrolment information is also available for this school in hard copy from the office.