



St Patrick's Catholic School  
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Welcome to St Patrick's Catholic School. We hope you will find this 'How to Enrol' information informative and helpful. We would love to welcome your child into our school community...here's how...

St Patrick's Catholic School offers primary education for Year 1 to Year 8 students (5 - 13 years of age). To enrol into the school, you must meet one of the following criteria, as established by the Ministry of Education:

- Children and families with a connection to the Catholic community – 95% of school roll.
- Children and families with no connection to the Catholic community – 5% of school roll.

Children are deemed as having a connection to the Catholic community if:

- a) The child has been Baptised or is being prepared for Baptism in the Catholic Church, or:
- b) The child's parents/guardians have already allowed one or more of its siblings to be Baptised in the Catholic faith; or
- c) 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; or
- d) 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; or
- e) One or both of a child's non-Catholic parents/guardians is preparing to become a Catholic.

A student who does not meet any of the above criteria may enrol as a 'Non-Preference placement' having no connection to the Catholic community. There is a waiting list for these spaces and are allocated on a first-in basis. We recommend parents place their children on this waiting list as early as possible to ensure a position in the school.

In the first instance, please contact the school office for further information, and to organise a time to meet with the Principal. A meeting with our Parish Priest will then be required to acquire a 'Preference Card'.

If your child is turning 5 and enrolment has been established, a programme of transition from pre-school to school begins.

From 4.5 years old your child can come along to Shamrock Starters. This is every Wednesday from 1.50-3pm. A parent or caregiver must be on the premises at all times.

Pre-school visits in our new entrant class commence three weeks prior to your child's fifth birthday. These will be arranged through the school office. We work closely with local preschool providers to ensure a smooth transition to school life, which is tailored to meet each student's individual needs.

We will ensure that your child's first day at St Patrick's school is one that they will remember fondly.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school, and please contact me directly if you need further clarification,

Kind regards

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