



# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

## ENROLMENT POLICY



Good Shepherd School recognises the uniqueness of each individual as part of God's creation and supports this through the development of the individual's spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual and physical ability. Good Shepherd School acknowledges that education is provided within the Catholic context.

The Good Shepherd School Board of Trustees recognises the unique position of Māori as tangata whenua, and its role and responsibilities in meeting its obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi. Good Shepherd School is, therefore, committed to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its practical expression in our school.

Good Shepherd School provides a clear and fair enrolment policy that reflects the Special Character of the school and will ensure that the school does not exceed the maximum roll as defined by the school's Integration Agreement. Where the school receives more applications than places available, consistent with the Special Character of the school, preference is given to families who have an established connection with the Catholic Church. Preference of enrolment is established by the Preference Certificate in accordance with the criteria approved by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference. (Last revised in 2018)

### 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/legal 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.

### Priority of Enrolment

Subject to the maximum roll allowable in the School's Integration Agreement, applicants for enrolment will be considered in the following order of priority (each a priority group):

- Priority 1 Preference applicants who have an association with Good Shepherd Parish, as attested by the parish priest
- Priority 2 Preference applicants who have an association with St Benedict's Parish, as attested by the parish priest

- Priority 3 Preference applicants who have an association with other parishes, as attested by the parish priest of these parishes
- Priority 4 All other preference applicants
- Priority 5 Non-preference applicants (up to the maximum non-preference students allowable in the School's Integration Agreement)

If there are more applicants than places available in any priority group, applicants for enrolment within that priority group will be considered in the following order (each a priority sub-group):

- A. Siblings of current students
- B. Siblings of former students
- C. Children of an employee of the school
- D. Children of former students of the school
- E. All other students

If there are more applicants than places available in any priority sub-group, applicants for enrolment within that priority sub-group will be considered in the order of date of application. The exercise of this policy is subject to the discretion of the Board Chair and the Principal.

### **Other enrolment related policies**

1. The principal will maintain waiting lists and report annually on the status of enrolments and waiting lists to the Board.
2. International fee paying students may be enrolled in the school provided that the quality of teaching and learning programmes is not detrimentally impacted and that domestic students are not excluded as a result.



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**Chairperson**

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**Next Review**