

# PREFERENCE AND NON-PREFERENCE REQUIREMENTS

## ENROLMENT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS SEEKING ENROLMENT AT ST MARK'S SCHOOL

1. State integrated schools select preference students on the following grounds.
  - a. The agent for determining preference is the Parish Priest, or designated agent of the Bishop who may sign the certificate on his behalf. (For Agents of the Bishop see: Administration of the Criteria, 6.1.1-6.1.6, on the Preference of Enrolment Certificate.)
  - b. The 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 parents/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. The school's maximum roll is 390. The school has a maximum of 20 non preference places.
  - b. Non-Preference places criteria:
    1. 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 programme.
    2. The applicants accept that they will be required to pay attendance dues as set by the Proprietor and these are not voluntary.
  - c. Non-Preference criteria that apply to this school.
    1. The siblings of non-preference students.
    2. Siblings of former non-preference students
    3. The children of staff or Board members who seek to enrol their children.
    4. Non-preference students coming from another integrated school with the same special character.
    5. Children who live within one kilometre of the school and who want to

- participate in the special character programme of the school.
6. Non-preference students who cannot enrol immediately may choose to be placed on a waiting list. Students on this list are wait listed by date and number and will be contacted if places become available. At the end of the calendar year the list is updated and people apply to be reinstated on the waitlist for the following year.

**Enrolment information is available in hard copy from our school office.**