



POLICY 6.1 Enrolment of Students

Ratified at Board Meeting	25th May 2017
Next Review Due	2020

RATIONALE:

The Integration Agreement gives preference of enrolment to students whose parents have established a particular, or general religious connection with the Special Character of the College. The College is a Roman Catholic College in which the whole community, through the general College programme and in its religious instruction and observances, exercises the right to live the teachings of Jesus Christ as determined by the Catholic Church, and the spirit of St Thomas Aquinas.

GUIDELINES:

1. The maximum roll as determined by the Integration Agreement is 750 which may include a maximum of 5% non-preference students.
2. Participation in the general College programme that gives the College its special character is a condition of enrolment.
3. The Board will limit the number of foreign fee-paying students to 4% of the total roll.

PROCEDURE:

1. The enrolment procedure includes seeking a preference card from the Parish Priest, or his nominated appointee, completion of an Aquinas College Application for Enrolment and an interview with the designated staff member.
2. Where there are more applicants than places available, preference students will take precedence.
3. Where there are more preference students than places available refer to the NZ Catholic Integrated Schools Handbook, Enrolment of Pupils/Students.
4. Where places are available, enrolment of Non-Preference students will be considered only after the published enrolment closing date, with an order of priority that may include siblings of Non-Preference Aquinas students and Non-Preference students from the contributing Catholic schools.
5. The College will communicate with the community by June of each year, outlining enrolment procedures.
6. Enrolment requires the responsibility to pay the Attendance Dues set by the Diocese.
7. Enrolment will not be reliant on the ability of families to pay the voluntary contribution (School donation).