

Ashburton Christian School

Enrolment Scheme

Introduction

Ashburton Christian School is a State Integrated School under Part 33 of the Education Act (EA). Section 442 of the EA requires that a Proprietor define a preference applicant.

Preference of enrolment shall be given only to those children whose parents, in the opinion of The Christian Schools Trust, have established a particular or general religious connection with the Special Character of the School. (Integration Deed of Agreement Clause 12)

Maximum Roll

The school's roll will be managed within the maximum roll prescribed in the school's integration agreement.

Priority in Enrolment

Applications for enrolment will be processed in the following order of priority:

First priority

will be given to preference applicants for whom the school is reasonably convenient. This is the area bounded by the Rakaia river to the north, the Pacific Ocean to the east, the Rangitata river to the south and the Canterbury boundary to the west.

If including all first priority applicants would exceed the School's maximum roll then criteria for selection will be based, in sequence, on the second priority through to the sixth priority.

Second priority

will be given to preference applicants who are parents of current students.

Third priority

will be given to preference applicants who are: current permanent Board employees (half time or greater), Board of Trustee members, Board of Proprietor members.

Fourth priority

will be given to preference applicants who are parents of former students.

Fifth priority

will be given to preference applicants:

- Whose children have been home-schooled; **or**
- Who have become preference applicants subsequent to their children starting at a state school.

Sixth priority

will be given to all other preference applicants.

Seventh priority

will be given to all preference applicants from outside the area of reasonable convenience. Priority in enrolment for these applicants will be based in sequence on the second priority through to the sixth priority.

Eighth priority

will be given to non-preference applicants. Non-preference students will be enrolled only if:

- Enrolment places remain after all preference students have been enrolled; and
- Doing so will not cause the school to exceed the number of non-preference students allowed in its integration agreement.

Priority in enrolment for non-preference applicants will be given to applicants who are parents of current students.

If there are more applicants at any year level than places available from priority two on, places will be allocated by ballot. Unsuccessful applicants at each year level will have their names recorded on a waiting list, within their relevant priority category, ranked in the order in which they were drawn in the ballot. The waiting list will remain current until the board notifies the public that it is inviting applications for the next enrolment intake.

Pre-enrolment

Applications for enrolment in a particular year may be made in advance at any time. In cases where parents have signalled an intention to enrol in this way, the school will contact the parents prior to the enrolment season to confirm whether enrolment is still being sought. Each year, however, applications will also be sought by a date which will be published in a daily or community newspaper circulating in the area served by the school. Applications received in response to the newspaper notice will be added to those already held.

No enrolments will be confirmed more than one year prior to the proposed date of entry.