



Granting of Preference for St Columba's Catholic School Frankton

The following document outlines how decisions will be made when granting preference for students wishing to enrol at St Columba's Catholic School Frankton.

- 1. The standard clause in the Integration Agreement of Catholic Schools states:**
"Preference of enrolment at the school under Section 29 (1) of the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975 shall be given to only those children whose parents have established a particular or general religious connection with the Special Character of the School and the Controlling Authority shall not give preference of enrolments to parents of any child unless the Proprietor has stated that those parents have established such a particular or general religious connection with the Special Character of the school."
- 2. Clarification of the Five Preference Criteria**
The criteria to be used by Proprietors, and their authorised agents, when determining whether or not the parents of a child have established such a particular or general religious connection with the Catholic Special Character are:
 - 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 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/guardian. A grandparent or other significant adult in the child's life, such as an aunt, uncle or godparent, undertakes the 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.



3. The following requirements are essential when people are seeking preference of enrolment under criteria 5.4:
- The significant adult in the child's life, who is undertaking to support the child's formation in the faith and practices of the Catholic Church, would need to accompany the parents/caregivers when they are seeking preference of enrolment.
 - If the significant adult is not personally known to the person granting preference of enrolment, they need to have some evidence to show they are an active member of the Catholic Church.
 - The significant adult must live in a physical position that enables sufficient contact and influence to be able to actively support the child's formation in the faith and practices of the Catholic Church.
 - The parents/caregivers should give written agreement that they will support the child's formation in the faith and practices of the Catholic Church. This is included in the attached revised version of the Preference Card.

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