

THEY ARE THE FOLLOWING:

Participation in the School Programme

As a condition of enrolment (Private Schools Conditional Integration Act, 1975, Section 30), I undertake to ensure that my child will participate in the general school programme that gives the school its special character as a Catholic School.

Giving a positive example (for Catholic parents/ guardians)

Parents/guardians need to avoid double standards and to practice in their own life what their child will be taught at school concerning the faith and practices of the Catholic Church. In particular, they need to

1. Have a commitment to participate in Sunday mass.
2. Participate in programmes which prepare their child for First Reconciliation Confirmation, First Eucharist etc.
3. Attend parent/teacher meetings dealing with education in faith programmes.

Catholic character contributions:

To help in providing services for training and assisting teachers in the Religious Education Programme, parents/guardians are asked to accept a voluntary levy.

ATTENDANCE DUES

As a condition of enrolment (PSCI Act, Section 36) parents/guardians undertake to pay attendance dues as determined from time to time by the proprietor and approved by the Minister of Education. These dues may be used only for specific purposes approved by the Minister, for example debt servicing and upgrading school buildings. They are not for the day to day running of the school.

Parents/guardians accept that the school has the right in law to discontinue the attendance of any child if I default in the payment of the attendance dues. (Note: In the case of hardship, the payment of attendance dues can be reduced or waived through the Parish Priest or Principal. Failure to pay without prior discussion is deemed to default.)

SCHOOL POLICIES

Parents/guardians undertake to support the school policies authorized by the school's Board of Trustees.

The above undertakings should be discussed by both parents/caregivers. If you have any difficulties with them, they are invited to discuss these with the Parish Priest.

PREFERENCE OF ENROLMENT COMMITTEE:

This committee appointed by the Bishop will act as an appeal committee where preference of enrolment has been refused. An appointment can be made through the Hamilton Diocese Office, 51 Grey Street, Hamilton.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT

PARISH OF ST PETER CHANEL Te Rapa



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HAMILTON

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Preparing for enrolment in a Catholic School

Congratulations on your choice of a Catholic School for your child. This document is to help you understand what enrolment in a Catholic School involves for you and your child.

Catholic Schools

have a very specific purpose...

**Jesus Christ is the 'light of the world'
The Church is the community
which tries to live by His gospel.**

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S PURPOSE IS TO HELP YOU FORM YOUR CHILDREN IN CHRIST'S GOSPEL



In addition, Catholic Schools like St Peter Chanel's, which are integrated into the State Education system, conform to certain standards set by the Ministry of Education.

The Character of a Catholic School

The special character of a Catholic School is defined in the Integration Agreement as follows;

The school is a Roman Catholic School in which the whole school community, through the general school programme, and in its religious instructions and observances, exercises the right to live and teach the values of Jesus Christ.

These values are expressed in the Scriptures and in the practices, worship and doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, as determined from time to time by the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese.



PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE

Our Integration Agreement with Government requires that preference of enrolment shall be given only to those children whose parents have established a particular or general connection with the special character of the school. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has set the following criteria for granting preference of enrolment for children seeking enrolment in Catholic Integrated Schools;

1. **The child has been baptized or is being prepared for Baptism in the Catholic Church.**
2. **The child's parents/guardians have already allowed one or more of its siblings to be baptized in the Catholic faith.**
3. **At least one parent/guardian is a Catholic, and although their child has not yet been baptized, the child's participation in the life of the school could lead to the parents having the child baptized.**
4. **With the agreement of the child's parent/legal guardian, a significant familial adult such as 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. **One or both of the child's non-Catholic parents/guardians is preparing to become a catholic.**

Parents/guardians of children in the above categories have a right to preference of enrolment in a Catholic School. (If they have not been practicing their Catholic faith, they are expected to make a sincere commitment to practicing again, as

It is necessary to obtain a preference certificate before going to enrol a child. The Parish Priest or Assistant Priest (or Ethnic Chaplain) is the person who will issue a Preference of Enrolment Certificate on behalf of the proprietor. Parents/guardians then take the certificate to the school principal when they go to enrol.

If their child was not baptized in St Peter Chanel, Te Rapa, they should present to the Priest a Certificate of Baptism from the Parish in which their child was baptized.

Other documentation for example, enrolment in catechumenate may be required. If a child wants to enter a different Catholic School, the parent/guardian will require a new Preference Certificate.

NON PREFERENCE

Catholic Schools are able to receive only a limited quota (usually 5% but in some circumstances 10% of the school roll) of children whose parents have no connection with the special character of the school. They too are welcome.

ENROLMENT

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the School Principal enrolls pupils in the school.

When you enrol you will be putting your signature to certain undertakings. Your Parish Priest is willing to talk about these undertakings with you before you go to enrol.

Some of these undertakings are conditions of enrolment specified by law. (The Catholic Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975). Some are natural requirements of Catholic education.