



CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

# Enrolment Priority Levels

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The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Education Limited (CACGEL) early learning centres, primary schools and secondary colleges use enrolment priority levels to guide placement decisions to provide a transparent approach to manage enrolment demand within a school.

When enrolment applications exceed the number of places available, schools follow clear guidelines to ensure fairness. If a school cannot offer places to all students within a particular Priority Level due to limited capacity, additional supportive considerations will be applied.

### Early Learning Centres (ELC)

Children who are turning four before 30 April and:

- 1 Are baptised Catholic who are resident in the Parish and/or designated priority enrolment area.
- 2 Have siblings who attend a Catholic system primary school in the parish or a Catholic system secondary school.
- 3 Are children of staff in the selected ELC and/or associated primary school(s).
- 4 Are baptised Catholic from other parishes or outside of the priority enrolment area who cannot obtain places in their local parish/in-area ELC.
- 5 Are non-Catholic whose parents/guardians desire and are committed to a Catholic Education.

### Primary schools

Children who are turning five before 30 April (ACT) or before 31 July (NSW) and:

- 1 Are baptised Catholic and are members of the designated local parish communities, designated priority enrolment area or, where there is more than one primary school within a parish, the designated priority enrolment area within the parish as agreed from time to time.
- 2 Are siblings of children already attending the selected primary school.
- 3 Are children of staff in the selected primary school.
- 4 Are baptised Catholic from other parishes or outside of the priority enrolment area who cannot obtain places in their local parish or in-area primary school.
- 5 Are non-Catholic whose parents or guardians desire and are committed to a Catholic Education.

## Secondary colleges - 2027 intake year

**Current** - for use in assessing applications in 2026 for enrolment in 2027

- 1 Baptised Catholic children who currently attend a Catholic school; or are members of the local parish community in rural areas where a Catholic school is not available.
- 2 Siblings of children already attending the selected secondary school.
- 3 Children of staff in the selected secondary school.
- 4 Children who have been enrolled in a Catholic school for a period of at least 3 consecutive years prior to commencing at the secondary school.
- 5 Baptised Catholic children from schools other than Catholic schools. The family of these children **MUST** provide an up-to-date reference from their parish priest indicating that they are practicing Catholics in the parish.
- 6 Baptised Catholic children from schools other than Catholic schools

## Secondary colleges - 2028 intake year onwards

On 17 April 2026 the Board of Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn Education Limited (CACGEL) agreed to changes to the enrolment priority categories affecting applications made in 2027 for enrolment in 2028.

**Revised** - for use in assessing applications in 2027 for enrolment in 2028 and beyond

- 1 Baptised Catholic children who currently attend a Catholic school; or are members of the local parish community in rural areas where a Catholic school is not available.
- 2 Children who have been enrolled in a Catholic school for a period of at least 4 years prior to commencing at the secondary school
- 3 Children of staff employed at the selected secondary school.
- 4 Siblings of children already attending the selected secondary school.
- 5 Children who have been enrolled in a Catholic school for a period of less than 4 years prior to commencing at the secondary school.
- 6 Children of staff employed elsewhere by CACGEL.
- 7 Baptised Catholic children from schools other than Catholic schools. The family of these children **MUST** provide an up-to-date reference from their parish priest indicating that they are practicing Catholics in the parish.
- 8 Baptised Catholic children from schools other than Catholic schools who cannot provide a reference from a parish priest.
- 8 Other children whose parents/guardians desire and are committed to Catholic education.



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