

Guidelines
for parents

Priority enrolment areas



ACT Catholic primary schools and early learning centres
2024-2025



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The choice to apply to an ACT Catholic primary school or early learning centre is determined by the priority enrolment area defined by Catholic Education Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn (CECG).

Priority enrolment areas for the 2024-2025 enrolment intake are defined on the following two pages and are applicable for one year. Priority enrolment areas are reviewed annually to accommodate any changes in planning, demographics and capacity.

Out of area applications

All enrolment applications will be assessed in line with the defined priority enrolment areas and enrolment priority levels as defined in CECG's Enrolment Policy. We request families to check the applicable school based on their residential location prior to submitting an application.

On submission, for any out of area applications, families will be required to select the rationale for selecting an out of area application in the enrolment application form.

Families are also requested to provide relevant supporting documentation. Some examples are evidence of employment to indicate the need for travel. Families can also upload a letter providing an explanation for selecting the out of area school.

Provision of the rationale and documentation does not guarantee admission to the out of area school. However, if the applicant already has an existing sibling at the school applying to, the out of area application will be accepted. For all other cases, acceptance of an out of area application is limited.

Following discussions between Principals you will be notified as to whether the application will be redirected to the in area school or will proceed at the out of area school.

There is provision for specific schools to accept out of area applications, subject to certain conditions. These are termed as 'corridor schools' and 'specialist schools'.



Corridor schools

Corridor schools are set by the Catholic Education Office to manage demand across the system and are able to accept students beyond the school's designated priority enrolment area.

For 2024 and 2025 there are two corridor schools:

1. Sts Peter and Paul Primary School, Garran
2. St Joseph's Primary School, O'Connor

If you are out of area but wish to apply to these schools, the rationale for applying to a corridor school will be captured in the enrolment form.

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Families residing in NSW

For families residing in NSW but wish to study in an ACT Catholic school, the following conditions apply:

1. Families living in the Queanbeyan region but have a need to travel to ACT, can submit an application to St Benedict's Primary School Narrabundah or St Thomas More's Primary School Campbell. The application will only be accepted subject to establishing a genuine need for travel to ACT.
2. Students residing in Yass will not be accepted for enrolment in ACT Archdiocesan Catholic schools before year seven. Primary students residing in Yass are zoned to Mt Carmel School, Yass and will be allowed to enrol in ACT schools from year seven onwards.
3. Students residing in Murrumbateman will have a choice of enrolment at either Mt Carmel School, Yass or an ACT Archdiocesan Catholic school subject to normal enrolment processes and priorities. Where a decision is made to enrol at Mt Carmel School, Yass, that decision cannot be reversed before year seven.
4. Students residing in NSW served by Archdiocesan Catholic central schools will not be accepted for enrolment at an ACT Archdiocesan Catholic college before year 11.
5. Students residing in NSW are generally expected to attend their nearest local Catholic school, although there are no priority enrolment areas. If parents or guardians wish to enrol their child in a school outside their area, the two principals need to discuss and agree on a feasible solution.

ACT secondary schools

ACT Catholic secondary schools do not have defined priority enrolment areas. Students in ACT can enrol in any of the ACT Catholic secondary schools regardless of their residential location.

Specialist schools

A specialist school is defined as a school that offers a unique offering not provided by any other school within the system. Holy Trinity Primary School at Curtin is the only CECG primary school offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) pathway for students. Families wishing to pursue the IB curriculum are also required to submit an IB form with their enrolment application stating their reasons for wanting an IB pathway.

From 2024 onwards, this IB form will be incorporated as part the online enrolment process. This is intended to increase transparency across the system.



ACT primary schools

School name	District	Suburb	Zoned suburbs
St Vincent's Primary	Belconnen	Aranda	Aranda, Cook, Macquarie, Bruce, Belconnen, Molonglo North
St Monica's Primary	Belconnen	Evatt	Evatt, Melba, Spence, McKellar
St John the Apostle Primary	Belconnen	Florey	Florey, Latham, Holt, Higgins, MacGregor, Belconnen, MacNamara, Strathnairn
St Michael's Primary	Belconnen	Kaleen	Kaleen, Giralang, Lawson, Crace
St Matthew's Primary	Belconnen	Page	Page, Scullin, Hawker, Weetangera, Belconnen, MacNamara, Strathnairn, Molonglo North
St Thomas Aquinas Primary	Belconnen	West Belconnen	Charnwood, Dunlop, Fraser, Flynn, MacGregor, MacNamara, Strathnairn
Good Shepherd Primary	Gunghalin	Amaroo	Amaroo, Bonner, Jacka, Taylor, Moncrieff, Forde
Mother Teresa School	Gunghalin	Harrison	Harrison, Throsby, Franklin, Mitchell, Gungahlin, Kenny, Forde
Holy Spirit Primary	Gunghalin	Nicholls	Nicholls, Casey, Ngunnawal, Palmerston, Crace, Hall
St Thomas More's Primary	North Canberra	Campbell	Campbell, Braddon, Reid, Ainslie, Acton, Russell, Pialligo, Majura, Duntroon, Queanbeyan Region
St Joseph's Primary	North Canberra	O'Connor ^	O'Connor, Turner, Lyneham, Ainslie
Rosary Primary	North Canberra	Watson	Watson, Downer, Hackett, Dickson, Ainslie, Kenny
St Benedict's Primary	South Canberra	Narrabundah	Narrabundah, Griffith, Kingston, Symonston, Queanbeyan Region, Hume, Pialligo, Majura
St Bede's Primary	South Canberra	Red Hill	Red Hill, Forrest, Kingston, Deakin, Barton, Yarralumla, Griffith, Hume
St Francis of Assisi Primary	Tuggeranong	Calwell	Calwell, Theodore, Richardson, Isabella Plains, Bonython, Royalla, Michelago
St Clare of Assisi Primary	Tuggeranong	Condor	Conder, Gordon, Banks, Tharwa
Holy Family Parish Primary	Tuggeranong	Gowrie	Gowrie, Fadden, MacArthur, Chisholm, Gilmore
St Thomas The Apostle Primary	Tuggeranong	Kambah	Kambah, Bonython
St Anthony's Parish Primary	Tuggeranong	Wanniassa	Wanniassa, Oxley, Monash, Greenway, Bonython, Kambah
St Jude's Primary	Weston Creek / Molonglo	Holder	Holder, Duffy, Weston, Coombs, Wright, Denman Prospect, Molonglo North, Molonglo
St John Vianney's Primary	Weston Creek / Molonglo	Waramanga	Waramanga, Stirling, Rivett, Chapman, Fisher, Weston, Coombs, Wright, Denman Prospect, Molonglo North, Molonglo
Holy Trinity Primary	Woden	Curtin *	Curtin, Lyons, Yarralumla, Deakin, Phillip
Sts Peter and Paul Primary	Woden	Garran ^	Garran, O'Malley, Hughes, Deakin, Isaacs, Phillip
Sacred Heart Primary	Woden	Pearce	Pearce, Chifley, Torrens, Mawson, Farrer, Isaacs, Phillip

Not zoned: Uriarra Village.
Queanbeyan: Beard and Oaks Estate to Queanbeyan.
 Queanbeyan region is zoned between Queanbeyan, Narrabundah and Campbell.
 Hume is zoned between Queanbeyan, Narrabundah and Red Hill.

The suburbs highlighted in **bold** are shared suburbs.
 ^ Corridor schools
 * Specialist schools



ACT early learning centres

Acceptance of a child into a Catholic early learning centre does not confer an automatic entitlement into the primary school at which the early learning centre is located.

Students enrolled for preschool in an early learning centre will continue their primary education at a designated school within their priority enrolment area.

Early learning centre	Suburb	Zoned district (region)
St Francis of Assisi ELC	Calwell	Bonython , Calwell, Isabella Plains, Michelago, Richardson, Royalla, Theodore, Gordon, Banks, Conder
Holy Trinity ELC	Curtin	Woden District / South Canberra District
Holy Family ELC	Gowrie	Gordon, Banks, Conder , Gowrie, Fadden, Gilmore, Chisholm, Royalla, Macarthur, Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra
Mother Teresa ELC	Harrison	Harrison, Franklin, Gungahlin, Throsby, Forde, Bonner, Amaroo, Jacka, Bywong and Sutton
St Jude's ELC	Holder	Weston Creek District / Molonglo District
Holy Spirit ELC	Nicholls	Crace, Palmerston, Nicholls, Casey, Ngunnawal, Moncrieff, Taylor, Hall and Murrumbateman
St Joseph's ELC	O'Connor	North Canberra District
St Anthony's ELC	Wanniassa	North Tuggeranong; Wanniassa, Kambah, Oxley, Monash, Greenway and Bonython
St Thomas Aquinas ELC	West Belconnen	Belconnen District



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