

Faith City School (#422) Draft Enrolment Scheme Description

Effective from: 1 January 2024

Faith City School is a State Integrated school with a **Special Character** which is defined in their Integration Agreement.

Special Character Definition (as recorded in the Integration Deed of Agreement, 18th May 1995)

18 18.1 *Faith City School is a Christian school established by Faith Community Church (now Faith City Church) to serve as an extension to all Christian families in Wanganui by providing an education presented from a sound Biblical foundation and based on the beliefs, values and lifestyle as revealed in the Holy Bible.*

18.2 *The special Character of the school is determined by a Christian approach to living consistent with the Official Statements of the General Council of the Assemblies of God New Zealand and presented by the qualified staff who are church ministry team members.*

18.3 *The purpose of the school is to support all Christian families and churches in Wanganui in the transmission of their faith systems to their children. The function of the school is to facilitate the development of a mature commitment in the students to Jesus Christ so they will become responsible, effective and caring ambassadors for Christ in their wider community. The Holy Bible will be used as the basis for exploring God's world and as a standard against which to compare and interpret all studies undertaken. The Christian teachers will be committed to each child's development.*

Maximum Roll

The School Board is responsible for enrolments and is required to work within the school's maximum roll as defined in their Integration Agreement. As the school is close to its maximum roll and/or there are more applicants than there are spaces available at the school, the school operates an enrolment scheme under section 72 and clause 16 of Schedule 20 to the Education and Training Act 2020.

Preference of Enrolment

The Education and Training Act 2020 provides that "The children of parents who have a particular or general philosophical or religious connection with a State integrated school must be preferred to other children for enrolment at the school".

Preference is given to families living by a Christian approach consistent with the Official Statement of The General Council of the Assemblies of God of New Zealand.

Preference in enrolment will be established by the designated agent of the Proprietor in accordance with the General Council of the Assemblies of God of New Zealand. The Faith City School Board delegates to the Principal, as the professional leader of the school, the responsibility to administer this enrolment procedure and to exercise discretion where necessary. This discretion must be exercised, where appropriate, in accordance with Schedule 20 of the Education and Training Act and in consultation with the Proprietor.

Priority in enrolment

If the total number of applications from preference applicants is less than the number of places available, all preference applicants will be enrolled.

Where the number of applications from preference students exceeds the number of places available, applications for enrolment will be processed in the following order of priority.

Priority of enrolment for preference students

- Priority 1 – Preference applicants living inside the Area of Reasonable Convenience for Faith City School*
- Priority 2 – Preference applicants living outside the Area of Reasonable Convenience for Faith City School.

Priority of enrolment for non-preference students

The number of non-preference places that can be offered is a set proportion of the school's maximum roll. Non-preference places can only be offered if every preference application has been accepted and the maximum roll has not been reached and we have made provision for preference applicants who may apply at a later stage.

- Priority 3 – Non-preference applicants living in the Area of Reasonable Convenience for Faith City School
- Priority 4 – Non-preference applicants living outside the Area of Reasonable Convenience for Faith City School

If there are more applicants than places available within any of the priority groups 1-4, applications within that group will be processed in the following order:

1. Applicants who are siblings of current students
2. Applicants who are children of an employee of the board or children of a member of the board
3. Applicants who are siblings of former students
4. Applicants who are the children of former students
5. Applicants whose children have either :
 - a. attended Christian schools or pre-schools for one year or longer
 - b. have been home-schooled
 - c. previously attended the school
6. Other applicants

If there are more applicants within any of the categories 1-6, applicants will be ordered by ballot.

Note:

- Proof of residence within the Area of Reasonable Convenience may be required.
- Applicants seeking category 1 or 2 status may be required to give proof of a sibling relationship.

- Applicants seeking category 5a status may be required to give proof of attendance at a relevant school or pre-school.

If the total number of applications is greater than the number of places available, unsuccessful applicants will have their names recorded on a waiting list, within the relevant priority category, ranked in the order in which they were drawn in the ballot. Students on the waiting list may be offered places at a later date if places become available. The waiting list will remain current until the board next notifies the public that it is inviting applications for the next enrolment intake.

Pre-enrolment Processes

Each year applications for enrolment will be sought by a date that will be published in a medium appropriate to the area served by the school. Places available will be considered separately for each year level.

Area of Reasonable Convenience

The Area of Reasonable Convenience includes the area within 45km driving distance by road from the school.

***Additional entitlement to enrol:**

This provision has been approved for inclusion in the Faith City School enrolment scheme under Section 75 (1)(a) of the Education and Training Act 2020.

Section 75 of the Education and Training Act 2020 states that the Secretary may authorise an enrolment scheme to permit a student to enrol at the school as if they were in the home zone, if:

“a) in the case of an existing enrolment scheme whose home zone is amended,—

(i) the student lives outside the amended home zone; and

(ii) the student has a sibling who is enrolled at the school at the time that the amendment is implemented; and

(iii) the sibling, at the time that the amendment is implemented, lives inside the home zone as it was before the amendment; and

(iv) the student, at the time of enrolment, lives inside the home zone as it was before the amendment:”

Clause 16(1)(b) of Schedule 20 of the Act states that for State Integrated schools:

“the enrolment scheme need not define a home zone for the school, nor provide for balloting of applicants who live outside any home zone, but must accord priority to applicants for whom the school is a reasonably convenient school.”

In this case the additional entitlement allows siblings of current students at the time of the amendment whose addresses are now outside of the area of reasonable convenience to be treated

as Priority 1 – as if they were still inside the area. This clause is only valid for as long as the initial sibling remains enrolled at the school.

If applying for enrolment under this part of the Enrolment Scheme, the sibling’s name and evidence of a sibling relationship may be required by the school.

[Section 75](#) of the Education and Training Act 2020 sets out the definition of a “sibling” for these purposes.

The school will maintain a list of students enrolled at the time of the implementation of the enrolment scheme by the Board in order to enable determination of eligibility to enrol under this provision.

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Faith City School Area of Reasonable Convenience
Applicants who live within 45km driving distance of the school are considered to be living within the Area of Reasonable Convenience
(Note: Red circle indicative only)

