



Our Lady of the Rosary School Student Enrolment Scheme

Our Lady of the Rosary School is a State Integrated school with a **Special Character** which is defined in their Integration Agreement as:

“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 as 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 Archbishop of the Archdiocese. “

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”.

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC) has defined five criteria for establishing parents’ connection with Catholic schools to give **Preference of Enrolment** which 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 already 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/legal guardian, a significant familiar adult such as a 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.
- 5.5 One or both of a child’s non-Catholic parents/guardians is preparing to become a Catholic.

Enrolment:

The Integration Agreement for each school specifies the maximum roll of the school and the maximum number of non-preference students who may be enrolled. The Our Lady of the Rosary School Board is legally responsible for managing the roll within the numbers set down in the Integration Agreement.

At Our Lady of the Rosary School the maximum roll as set out in the Integration Agreement is 286 students. Non-preference students must not total more than 5% of the roll (14 students). When the roll is within 10% of the maximum roll (257 students) the roll will be closed to non-preference students.

Priority in Enrolment

The Parish of the Holy Spirit —Te Wairua Tapu area includes the suburbs of Eastbourne, Wainuiomata, Moera, Waiwhetu, and Petone.

1. *The priorities are:*
 - a) *Priority one: Siblings of current students with a preference certificate.*
 - b) *Priority two: Siblings of former students with a preference certificate.*
 - c) *Priority three: Students with a preference certificate who live within the area of and/or have a connection with Our Lady of the Rosary Church as part of Te Wairua Tapu Parish which includes the suburbs East and South of the Hutt Valley Railway track; Fairfield, Waterloo, Waiwhetu, Moera, Gracefield and Seaview as well as Woburn and Epuni.*
 - d) *Priority four: Students with a preference certificate who live within the area of and/or have a connection with the wider Te Wairua Tapu Parish, including the suburbs of: Wainuiomata, Eastbourne, Petone, Ava and Korokoro.*
 - e) *Priority five: Students with a preference certificate.*
 - f) *Priority six: Non-preference students seeking enrolment.*
2. *Categories a - f are all subject to whether there are places available within each year level.*
3. *If the total number of applications from preference students is less than the number of places available, all preference applicants will be enrolled.*

4. Non-Preference Students

State integrated schools have places for non-preference students.

- a. This school has a maximum of up to 14 non-preference places.
- b. There are currently up to 0 non-preference places likely to be available in this year or next year.
- c. When the school roll reaches 90% of its maximum roll, non-preference enrolment will be suspended, and this will continue as long as the school roll stays at or above this level.
- i. The applicants accept that they will be attending a school of special character and that their place in the school is conditional on their participation in the programme.
- ii. The applicants accept that they will be required to pay attendance dues as set by the Proprietor and which are compulsory.

Non-Preference criteria that apply to this school if non-preference enrolment spaces are available:

- i. The siblings of non-preference students already in the school.
- ii. Siblings of former non-preference students.
- iii. The children of staff or Board members who seek to enrol their children.
- iv. Non-preference students coming from another integrated school with the same special character.

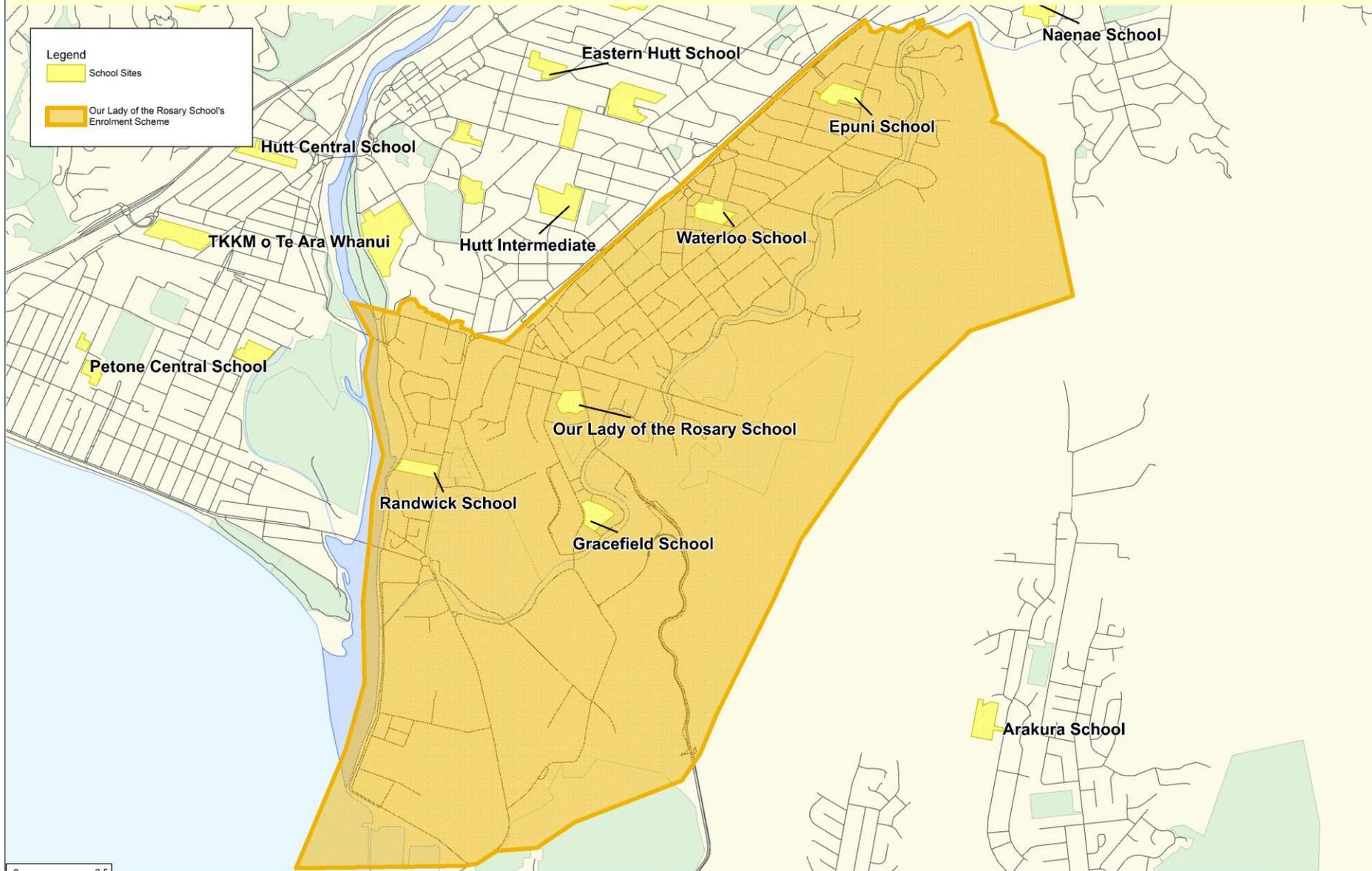
The selection processes described above will be the basis for students applying to enrol either at the beginning of or during the school year.

5. *If there are more applicants in categories than there are places available, places will be allocated in priority order until a category is reached where the number of spaces available in that category is insufficient to accommodate the number of eligible students. Places will then be allocated by ballot.*
6. *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

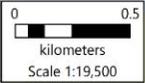
1. *An advertisement will be placed in the local newspaper, our school website and Facebook page, newsletters and in our Parish bulletin each year over terms 1 and 2 of the year informing the community of student enrolment and closing dates for the following year.*
2. *Closing date for enrolments for the following year will be the last Friday in August.*
3. *Parents who wish to enrol their child will contact the school for an enrolment pack and will be informed about how parents who wish to claim preference can obtain a preference certificate.*
4. *After the closing date the applicants for enrolment will be prioritised for acceptance based on whether they have a valid preference certificate, and then the category that their application falls into.*
5. *If there are not enough places for all applicants within a category level the places will be assigned on a random ballot.*
6. *Notification of acceptance will be made in a timely manner after the closing date for enrolments has passed.*
7. *If the total number of applicants is greater than the number of places available unsuccessful applicants will have their names recorded on the school waiting list, within their category ranking. Parents of those students on the waiting list will be notified when and if places become available for their child.*
8. *Enrolments after the closing date will be considered if the maximum roll has not been reached.*

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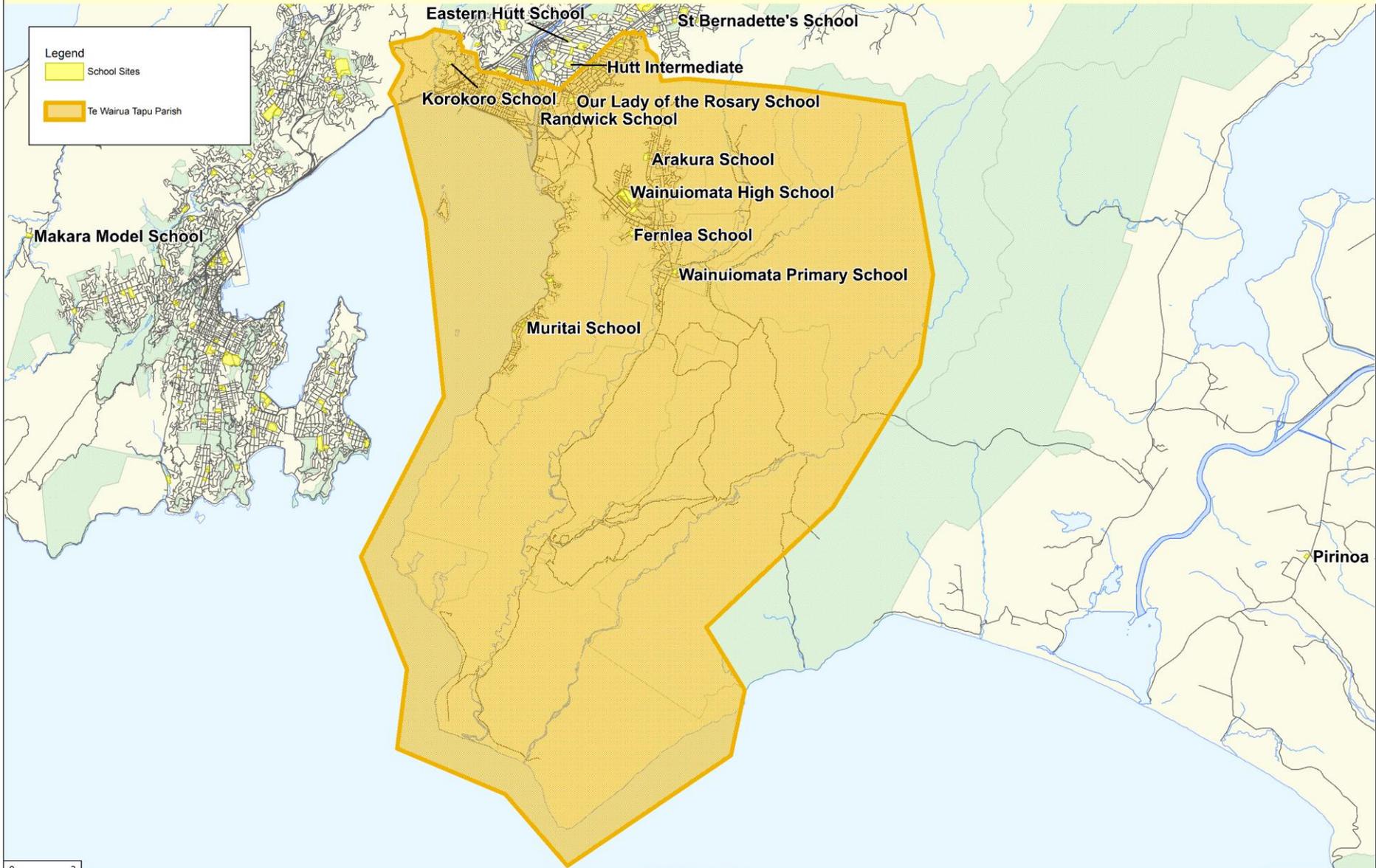
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