Hāwera Christian School

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Hawera Christian School Preference Enrolment Criteria

The School's Consideration

Preference Enrolment

To maintain the Christian special character of Hawera Christian School, priority is given to students who meet the criteria of preferential enrolment. There are two sub-categories of preferential enrolment described in Schedule 6 of the Education and Training Act 2020. We regard enrolments of a **'Direct Connection'** as having priority over **'General Connection'** applications, as outlined below.

Direct Connection:

The parent/s of the child identify as Christian and sign the Statement of Faith. Supporting evidence provided includes;

- Evidence of a longstanding commitment to and regular attendance at an evangelical Christian church having a Biblical basis of faith consistent with the school's Statement of Faith
- A reference from their pastor, minister or senior member of their church who knows them well
- Testimony of their personal faith journey.

General Connection:

Parent/s identify with Christian values and lifestyle and sign the Statement of Faith. Supporting evidence provided includes;

- credible references that affirm that they live lives demonstrably aligned to and supportive of Christian values as explained in the school's Statement of Faith
- a statement from the parent/s confirming a discipline of regular bible devotions/prayer etc for themselves and family
- can establish that their children have been raised with the beliefs and values that are aligned with the Special Character of the school
- testimony of their personal faith journey.

Priority Order: First for 'Direct Connection' applicants and then 'General Connection' applicants.

1. Children of employees of Hawera Christian School.

2. Siblings of preferential students currently enrolled at Hawera Christian School.
3. Siblings and children of former preferential students of Hawera Christian School.
4. Children of the Proprietor.
5. Preferential applicants currently attending other schools in the New Zealand Association of Christian Schools.
6. Other preferential applicants.

NON-PREFERENCE ENROLMENT

As a state-integrated school, Hawera Christian School is permitted to allow up to 10% of enrolments to be non-preference. These applicants are considered should there be places available after ‘particular connection’ and ‘general connection’ applicants have been placed.

Non-preference:

Parents who have no particular or general connection with Christianity but appreciate the values and beliefs of the school and wish their children to receive the education we offer.

Non-Preference Criteria:

The applicants accept that they will be attending a school of special character and that their place in the school is conditional on their child’s participation in the programme and Christian ethos of the school.

Priority Order:

7. The siblings of non-preference students currently enrolled in the school.

8. Siblings of former non-preference students.

9. Non-preference students coming from another integrated school with the same special character.

10. All other applicants.

Where there are more applicants than places available within the same priority category, they will be accepted in order of the date and time the pre-enrolments form was received. If pre-enrolment dates are the same, allocation will be via ballot.

Students who cannot be enrolled immediately may choose to be placed on a waiting list sorted in order of the priority conditions described above. Students on this list are wait listed by date and number.

Parents and caregivers of those applicants on the waiting list will be notified when and if places become available for their child. Parents and caregivers will then have seven days to confirm

their enrollment. If no confirmation is received the applicant will be removed from the waiting list and the position may be offered to the next priority student.

A waiting list will be managed by the school and shall be reset annually. The Hawera Christian School Board delegates the authority to administer this policy to the Principal.

Acceptance and placement categories are at the discretion of the proprietor and principal following a formal parent interview, prayerful consideration of references, a completed pre-enrolment form, and a signed faith statement.