

School enrolment in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

FAQs for parents and carers

Why the change to the enrolment policy?

Applications for 2024 enrolments across some areas of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle (CDMN) far outweigh the available capacity at the school sites. The enrolment policy has been updated so Catholic pathway school students receive priority at Catholic secondary schools.

When does the new enrolment policy start?

The new Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Schools enrolment policy will be implemented for enrolments for 2024 onwards.

When does my child need to be enrolled to be considered for Secondary education enrolment priority?

Families who wish to enrol their child in a CDMN Catholic school must demonstrate a commitment to Catholic Education.

A commitment to Catholic education when considering the priority of enrolment for secondary education means enrolment at a CDMN primary school from Kindergarten or at least the commencement of Year 4 for priority enrolment for secondary schools;

What are the school pathways?

For information on the CDMN pathway school relationships from St Nicholas to primary school, right through to secondary school please refer to the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle [Education Pathway document linked here](#).

Considerable analysis and review has been provided to best accommodate students across the region, with the catchment areas for secondary schools reflecting the collective primary schools' geographic catchment areas.

What if I am trying to enrol from outside of the area?

Please contact the relevant school for further information about the out-of-area enrolment process. If the school is able to accommodate out-of-area enrolments, the school will advise you of the non-local enrolment selection criteria.

Who should families speak to if they have further concerns?

Families should speak to the relevant school principal in the first instance. If families feel they need to express further concern, they can contact the Catholic Schools Office by email at feedback@mn.catholic.org.au.