ENROLMENT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS SEEKING ENROLMENT AT ST FRANCIS SCHOOL, THAMES

1.State integrated schools select preference students on the following grounds.

a. The agent for determining preference is our Parish Priest Father O'Brien

b. The grounds for preference are

The criteria to be used by Proprietors, and their authorised agents, when determining whether or not the parents of a child have established such a particular or general religious connection with the Catholic Special Character 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 familial 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.

2. State integrated schools have places for non-preference students.

a. This school has a maximum of 12 places.

b. There are currently 0 places likely to be available this year.

c. The school roll is now at 75% of its maximum but no non-preference places are likely until 2026.

d. Non-Preference places criteria:

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 these are not voluntary.

e. Non-Preference criteria that apply to this school.

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.

v. Children who live within one kilometre of the school and who want to participate in the special character programme of the school.

f. Non-preference students who cannot enrol immediately may choose to be placed on a waiting list. Students on this list are wait listed by date and number and will be contacted if places become available.

Enrolment information is also available for this school in hard copy from the office.