



# Admissions Policy

## Up to and including First year 2021

St Andrew's College was founded in 1894 by the Presbyterian Community of Dublin. Today, it is a flourishing, multid denominational, co-educational school whose philosophy and objectives are based upon the liberal, inclusive and principled ethos inherited from its founders. Admission to the College is subject to criteria which reflect this philosophy and maintain the distinctive character of the school.

Our admissions policy endeavours to support a broadly-based, co-educational environment, undertakes, in so far as is practicable, to educate boys and girls from the same family together, strives to preserve an inter-denominational and international mix in its student body, recognises the valuable contribution made by past pupils, and reserves the right to decide upon special cases which may arise from time to time.

To meet its obligations effectively the College has evolved a system of admissions which gives priority to those children for whom the school was established. To this end, the College recognises a number of groups of children as coming within this framework. Consideration will be given to applicants in the following order:

- Presbyterian children
- Children who have completed Sixth Class in our Junior School
- Children who are in a feeder school.
- Siblings of students who are attending or have attended St Andrew's College
- Children of permanent staff members at St Andrew's College
- Children of past pupils of St Andrew's College
- Children of Protestant denomination
- Others
- The national schools at present recognised as feeder schools to St Andrew's are:
  - All Saints National School
  - Booterstown National School
  - Burrow National School
  - Delgany National School
  - Glenageary/Killiney National School (Wyvern)
  - Greenlanes National School
  - Howth Road National School
  - Kill o'the Grange National School
  - Kilternan National School
  - Our Lady of Mercy National School
  - Rathmichael National School
  - St Andrew's National School Bray
  - St Andrew's National School Malahide
  - St Brigid's National School Stillorgan
  - St Matthew's National School Irishtown/Sandymount
  - St Patrick's National School Dalkey
  - St Patrick's National School Greystones

## **TRANSITION YEAR**

The College provides a six-year cycle of secondary education. Transition is a compulsory year within this cycle. Students automatically transfer from the Junior Cycle to Transition Year.

## **SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS**

The College welcomes applications from parents/guardians of candidates with special educational needs, unless the nature and degree of those needs is such that to enrol the student would be inconsistent with the effective provision of education for the student concerned and/or the other students with whom he/she is to be educated.

## **RIGHT TO REFUSE ENROLMENT**

The College reserves the right, in exceptional circumstances, to refuse to enrol an applicant who has accepted an offer of a place in the school. Such an exceptional case could arise where either:

- the candidate has special needs such that, even with additional resources available from the Department of Education and Skills, the school cannot meet the candidate's particular needs or provide him/her with an appropriate education. *or*
- in the opinion of the Board of Management, the candidate would pose an unacceptable risk to other students, to the school staff or to school property.

Any refusal to enrol an applicant will be in accordance with Section 15(2)(d) of the Education Act 1998.

## **RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Where an application for enrolment is declined, parents/guardians may appeal that decision to the Board of Management. Parents/guardians may request the right to present their appeal to the Board (section 28 Education Act 1998). If the Board upholds the decision the parents/guardians will be advised that there is a right of appeal to the Secretary General of the Department of Education and Science under Section 29 of the Education Act 1998

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***The document entitled 'Statement of Philosophy and Learner Profile 2017' available at [www.standrews.ie](http://www.standrews.ie) under 'Policy Documents' should be read in conjunction with this policy.***

***In making decisions about the admission of applicants, St Andrew's College will have regard for any relevant Department of Education and Skills provisions in relation to eligible age, class size, staffing provisions and/or any other requirements concerning accommodation, such as physical space, the health and welfare of students and any other consideration.***