

# SPECIALIST PLACEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process involves the following four (4) stages. Only parents with children on the waitlist for enrolment with our College for Year 7 in 2026 are eligible to apply. Please note that there is no intake available for Years 8-12.

Application timeline	Stage	
	1. Application and Evidence	Application Applications and references for entry in 2026 will close on Friday 11 April 2025. The four stages of the placement process operate on a strict timeline and involve external contractors for testing, trials, and panel member participation. Therefore, no late applications will be accepted.  Evidence The application must include the following evidence.  KEEP 1. Year 5 NAPLAN results – proficiency must be exceeding in all assessment areas 2. Year 5 report (end of year) – A grades in English, Maths, Science, and HASS 3. Written reference from current School Principal and / or other individuals (non-family members) who can substantiate the applicant's character  SPORTS (Basketball and Cricket) 1. Year 5 NAPLAN results – proficiency must be at least strong in all areas 2. Year 5 report (end of year) – at least C grades in English, Maths, Science, and HASS 3. Written references from Sports Club (Coaches), and / or other individuals (non-family members) who can substantiate the applicant's character.  4. List National / state sports club representation / competition, most valuable player awards, voted Captain of team  If you are applying for multiple Specialist Program
		placements, please complete a respective form for each.

Term 2	2.	Testing and Trial	Testing and trials are scheduled to take place in <b>Term 2 of 2025.</b> You will be notified about testing and trial dates via email.  • For academic applicants, there will be on-campus testing consisting of two multiple-choice tests.  • For sporting applicants, there will be on-campus trials for basketball and cricket at specified locations.
Term 2 & 3	3.	Specialist Placement Interview	As part of the selection process, successful applicants will be interviewed by a panel of members of the College Executive Leadership Team, Heads of Learning Areas, Heads of Sport, and external experts or coaches.
Term 3	4.	Offer of Specialist Placement on the College waitlist	If your child is offered a Specialist Placement on the waitlist, you must respond in one of two ways:  • Accept the offer. This means the applicant is committed to enrolling at the College for 2026. Those who accept the offer are bound to the enrolment process deadlines as communicated by the Registrar. Applicants who do not enrol by the deadline will be marked as withdrawn.  • Decline the offer. Those who decline their offer will be considered withdrawn from the Specialist Placement process.

A Specialist Placement is a priority position on our waitlist for enrolment and is not a guarantee that your child will be enrolled at the College. Once you have accepted the offer of Specialist Placement on our waitlist, the registrar will inform you if an enrolment interview is available. This interview is part of our enrolment process which includes a formal offer of an enrolment place and the payment of an enrolment deposit. For further details, please see our enrolment page on our website.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **Selection Criteria**

To be considered for Specialist placement, applicants must meet the following criteria:

• **Excellent Personal Character** that reflects the College values of faith, service, boldness, integrity, and growth.

This may be demonstrated through the interview processes and references from previous schools, sports clubs, or other individuals.

- **Outstanding Ability,** evaluated through current academic results or KEEP testing results (upon completion), sports trial results (upon completion), and external academic/sports achievements, such as national/state competitions or state sports club representation.
- Future Potential and the ability to continually improve/develop: Demonstrated commitment to the program, sustained academic achievement, and ongoing improvement.

#### **Conditions of Placement**

- Students are expected to remain in the program until successful completion of Year 12.
- Academic success is a priority; students must maintain a C grade average or better.
- Punctuality and attendance are mandatory, with at least a 90% attendance record required.
- No transfers between Specialist Programs are allowed.
- Exemplary conduct is expected, with a limit of 10 demerits and no more than two (2) send-outs.

#### Withdrawal from the process or placement offer

Applicants may withdraw their application at any time through the process and do so knowing that their child will not be considered for preferential placement in one of the College's specialist programs. In such an instance, the withdrawn applicant will remain on the waitlist in the original position they were placed in during their initial registration.

### **Deferrals**

Offered places are only valid for the year level of entry and cannot be deferred to a later year level. For example, if the College offers a place in Year 7, it cannot be deferred to Year 8.