



## Enrolment Classification and Processes

As a state-integrated Christian school, we are able to accept all families who are looking for high quality, biblically based education. However, the Ministry of Education requires families to be identified as either “preference” or “non-preference”. *This identification does not in any way impact how students are treated once they are enrolled.*

### Preference and Non-Preference Definitions

- A preference family belongs to, or has affiliation with, an evangelical Christian church.
- A non-preference family does not meet the above criteria but desires to have their child educated at the school for other reasons. The Ministry of Education only permits Tasman Bay Christian School to have a maximum of 6 non-preference children on its role at any one time. As a result, children from non-preference families may need to go on a waiting list.

In order to be considered a preference family, you must meet *at least one* of the following criteria. Please tick *all* that apply below, as your answers below will form part of the criteria for accepting applications and the ranking of applications in terms of priority if you are a “preference” applicant *and* there are limited places available (or there is a waiting list).

### Christian Beliefs

If one or both parents/caregivers are in agreement with all of the following Christian beliefs, you qualify as a “preference” family, since by holding such beliefs, you automatically have an affiliation with a local evangelical Christian church even though you may not be a formal member.

**The Bible:** I/We believe that the Bible is inspired by God and is therefore our supreme, infallible and final authority in all matters of faith and practise to which it speaks.

**God:** I/We believe in one perfect, infinite, holy and loving God, creator of all things, eternally existent in three co-equal Persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—to whom equal honour is due.

**The Father:** I/We believe that the Father is eternal and personal, and that he is the Father of our Lord Jesus and of all who believe in Christ.

**The Son:** I/We believe that Jesus Christ is God’s one and only Son, that he was born of a virgin, led a sinless life, died a sacrificial death for our sins, rose bodily from the dead, and that he will personally return to the earth.

**The Holy Spirit:** I/We believe that the Holy Spirit makes people aware of their need for Jesus Christ, performs the miracle of new birth, and comes to live in every Christian the moment they trust in Jesus Christ.

**People:** I/We believe that people are created in the image of God. However, all of us are marred by sin, which alienates us from God, makes us liable for His judgement, and ultimately results in eternal death apart from God’s salvation.

**Salvation:** I/We believe that salvation is by grace through faith alone, is offered freely to the whole human race, but is experienced only by those who trust in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christian Living:** I/We believe that everyone who places their faith and trust in Jesus Christ is spiritually reborn, and this results in, and is made evident by, holiness of life and good works

**Please indicate your response to the above statements by ticking the appropriate box below**

I/We believe all of the above statements

We do not believe the above statements

**Membership or Affiliation with a Local Church**

If you or your children attend a local church, or consider yourselves to be associated or affiliated with a local church, please fill out the form below. If you do not consider yourself to be associated or affiliated with a local church, please confirm this by ticking the relevant box below.

<p><b>Please indicate below if one (or both) parents/caregivers are affiliated with a local church</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/We are members of, or affiliated with, the church below</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/We are not affiliated with a local church in any way</p>
<p>Church Name:</p> <p>The name of one of your church leaders:</p> <p>Contact details of the person above. Phone: _____ and/or _____</p> <p>email: _____</p> <p>I give permission for the school to contact the above person: <input type="checkbox"/> YES (please tick)</p> <p>Is there any other information you would like us to know about your church affiliation?</p> <p>_____</p>

**Christian Sponsorship**

With the agreement of the child’s parent/guardian, a grandparent (or a member of your whanau), or another significant adult in the child’s life, such as an aunt, uncle or godparent, undertakes to support the child’s spiritual formation in the faith as described in the *Christian Beliefs* section above.

<p><b>Please indicate below if you have a member of your extended family or whanau who is willing to sponsor your child/children in regard to the Christian faith.</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/We are agreed that the person nominated below will support and encourage our child’s formation in the Christian faith.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/ We do not give anyone permission to support and encourage our child’s formation in the Christian faith.</p>
<p>Sponsor’s Name:</p> <p>Contact details of the person above. Phone: _____ and/or _____</p> <p>email: _____</p> <p>I give permission for the school to contact the above person: <input type="checkbox"/> YES (please tick)</p> <p>What is the relationship of the above person to your child or family (whanau)?</p> <p>_____</p>

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [full name/s]  
as parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ affirm the truthfulness of the  
answers given above in relation to our preference/non-preference classification at Tasman Bay Christian  
School.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Ranking Preference Applications

In order to assess preference applications, the following criteria will be used in order of priority:

- 1) Does our school have any preference places available?<sup>2</sup> If the answer is “yes”, the following criteria will be used to assess your application.
  - a) Is Tasman Bay Christian School your closest school with an evangelical Christian Special Character in line with the statement of beliefs above?
  - b) If our school is not your closest option in terms of a) above, why are you not attending the above school (e.g. they have a waiting list, they cannot cater for my child’s needs etc.)?
  - c) Does your family currently have any other siblings attending our school?
  - d) Does your child have behavioural, special needs or learning disability requirements? If so, we will need to undertake an assessment as to whether or not our school is able to safely cater for your child’s needs. This is a Health and Safety consideration (e.g. special lifting equipment needed, special showers or other spaces needed, safety of other students etc.).
- 2) If our school does not have any preference spaces available, you can ask to be placed on a waiting list, which will also follow the criteria above.

## Non-Preference Enrolment Criteria

If you are not able to affirm any of the above “Preference” criteria (pages 2-3), your child will be categorised as “non-preference”.

In order to assess non-preference applications, the following criteria will be used in order of priority:

- 1) Does our school have any non-preference places available?<sup>3</sup> If the answer is “yes”, the following criteria will be used to assess your application.
  - a) Though you are a non-preference family, do you agree to your child/children participating in all school activities, including those that make up our Special Character?
  - b) Is Tasman Bay Christian School your closest school (in terms of school zones)?
  - c) Does your family currently have any other siblings attending our school?
  - d) Does your child have behavioural, special needs or learning disability requirements? If so, we will need to undertake an assessment as to whether or not our school is able to safely cater for your child’s needs. This is a Health and Safety consideration (e.g. special lifting equipment needed, special showers or other spaces needed, safety of other students etc.).
- 2) If our school does not have any non-preference spaces available, you can ask to be placed on a waiting list, which will also follow the criteria above.

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<sup>2</sup> The present maximum role at Tasman Bay Christian School is 85 students.

<sup>3</sup> The Ministry of Education presently limits our non-preference role to 6 students. In addition, once our school role reaches 80% of our maximum role entitlement, no further applications from non-preference students are able to be accepted (regardless of how many non-preference positions are available to be filled).