

An Anglican day and boarding school for girls | Kindergarten to Year 12 | Founded in 1856

Enrolments FAQ

Am I too late to enrol my daughter?

We recommend enrolling your daughter as soon as possible but understand this may not always be an option. We suggest applying regardless of commencement year and reaching out to our enrolments team with any questions you may have.

Do siblings get a preference and/or a discount?

We encourage all families to waitlist siblings as soon as possible. We offer enrolment preference to pre-existing families, subject to availability. A discount on the application fee and enrolment fee also applies. There is not a sibling discount on tuition fees.

Do you offer mid-year entry?

Subject to availability, mid-year entry may be offered to students entering St Catherine's.

Is there a benefit in enrolling my daughter in junior school rather than waiting until Year 7?

Students from the junior school are guaranteed entry into the senior school. As our intake for Year 7 is currently limited, we recommend enrolling your daughter for Year 5 or earlier if possible.

What about the Statement of Faith?

The Anglican Diocese of Sydney is in the process of reviewing the Statement of Faith, with change recommendations on the agenda for Synod later this year.

Mrs Judith Poole, Interim Headmistress, was not required to sign the Statement of Faith. Staff are not required to sign the Statement of Faith.

St Catherine's welcomes students from diverse cultural and faith backgrounds. As an Anglican school, all students study Biblical Studies K-12 and attend chapel once a week.

What does interview process look like?

Approximately two years out from the waitlisted commencement year, we will invite you to attend an interview. Please note that overseas interviews will be conducted via Zoom.

For this, we request various materials to assist with the interview. This generally includes:

- Two most recent school reports
- Most recent NAPLAN results
- Birth certificate

There is no need to prepare beyond this as our main aim is to get to know your daughter and family.

After the interview process is complete, successful candidates will receive an offer, if a place is available. Families are given two weeks to confirm the offer and begin the enrolment process. We generally say that you will know if your daughter is attending St Catherine's School about 18 months out from the commencement year.

What fees are involved in the enrolment process?

Our initial application fee is \$300. If you receive an offer, there is an acceptance fee of \$4,000 (\$2,000 for siblings and daughters of Old Girls) to secure your daughter's place. The acceptance fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

What if I change my mind and want to start in another intake year?

We understand circumstances change and you are welcome to defer your position from one intake year to the next, however, any acceptance fee paid is nonrefundable and non-transferable. Furthermore, a position for the deferred year cannot be guaranteed.

If you have not paid your enrolment fee and wish to defer your child's place, a position for the deferred year will not be guaranteed and you will go back on the waitlist. It is likely you will need to re-interview for the preferred year, especially if deferring from the junior school to the senior school.

What if we are not Anglican?

St Catherine's School accepts students from all backgrounds and faiths.