

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Find quick answers to common questions about joining St Cath's from overseas:

WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM ENTRY LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT?

A minimum score of intermediate to upper intermediate is required. Each application is considered on a case-by-case basis, and further entry pre-requisites may be required. Please speak with our enrolments team.

IS ELICOS A REQUIREMENT?

ELICOS is required and is to be undertaken prior to commencement at St Catherine's for those who do not meet the minimum English language proficiency requirement.

WHAT ARE THE ACCOMMODATION CONDITIONS FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS?

All overseas students must reside in the Boarding House, unless they live with their parent/s full time in Sydney. We do not accept homestay requests or placements.

DOES THE BOARDING HOUSE CLOSE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

Yes. If your daughter does not have a Sydney guardian or will not travel home, the Director of Boarding will assist booking a homestay.

WHAT DOES INTERVIEW PROCESS LOOK LIKE IF I CAN'T BE THERE IN PERSON?

Approximately two years out from the waitlisted commencement year, your daughter may be invited to interview with our leadership team. 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
- Passport for overseas application.
- Other material for overseas application (including AEAS report or IDAT report).

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 about 18 months out from the commencement year.

MORE INFORMATION

For any further questions or inquiries, please contact our Enrolments Office on +61 2 8305 6206 or email them at enrol@stcaths.nsw.edu.au.



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ENROLMENTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Find quick answers to common questions about applying and enrolling with us:

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. Parents should safely pull forward when requested by a staff member. Please follow the signage.

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 enrolment fee also applies for sibling, but 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.

WHAT IF WE ARE NOT ANGLICAN?

As an Anglican school, all students study Biblical Studies K-12 and attend chapel once a week. However, we warmly welcome and celebrate students from all backgrounds and faiths at St Catherine's.

IS THERE A BENEFIT IN ENROLLING 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.

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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 non-refundable 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.

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