



## POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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# 2026 ENROLMENT PROCESS

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

Pompallier Catholic College is a Year 7-13 co-educational Catholic school in the Marist tradition.

In line with our commitment to the Special Character of Pompallier Catholic College and the Integrated Schools agreement between the Ministry of Education and the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, 95% or more of our students are from preference background.

Our applications are open the year before your child is due to start.

### Year 7

Enrolment interviews for Year 7 and 9 for our 2026 intake will commence in Term 3, 2025.

## FOR PREFERENCE ENROLMENT:

(Refer to the preference criteria on our website under Our School>Enrolment>Preference Enrolment)

You will need to make an appointment at either of our local Parish offices below, to obtain a Preference Certificate:

- St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, Whangārei, phone 09 437 7902, or;
- Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Dargaville, phone 09 439 8435

Please note that we cannot accept preference certificates from other Parishes. When you are applying for a preference enrolment, the **original preference certificate must be provided with your application.**

## TIMELINE:

<b>Monday 5 May</b>	Applications open for 2026 enrolment.
<b>Thursday 19 June</b>	Applications close for 2026 enrolment.
<b>Term 3</b>	Interviews for Year 7 and Year 9 applicants will take place between 14 July – 29 August.
<b>Friday 19 September</b>	Notification letters on the outcome of applications will be emailed on or before this date.

Enrolment applications will only be accepted with all the relevant documentation included. Please refer to the application checklist on the back page of the enrolment form prior to submission, to ensure you have included everything.

Completed enrolment application forms should be dropped into the college office between 8:00am – 3:30pm Monday to Friday during term time.

If you have any queries regarding the enrolment process, please contact Kelli Adams on 438 3950 ext 201, or email: [admin@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:admin@pompallier.school.nz).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### **What is the criteria for acceptance to Pompallier Catholic College?**

Pompallier Catholic College welcomes applications from students whose families are supportive of the college's Special Character. Pompallier is proud of its diverse community. The college ensures it retains this diversity by accepting a range of students from different backgrounds. Whilst the major criteria is preference, it is but one of many criteria that is looked at during the enrolment process. Pompallier also places emphasis on family, and their contribution and commitment to our community.

### **We are a Catholic family, so should we expect to be accepted to Pompallier Catholic College?**

The growth in Whangārei has meant that in recent years demand for places at Pompallier has exceeded places available. Families can have no expectation that a place is guaranteed.

Unfortunately, each year we have to disappoint a number of Catholic families.

### **I am a non-Catholic. Can I apply?**

You are welcome to apply. However, please know that there is a limited intake for non-Catholic students. In recent years, due to pressure on the roll, this has meant we have not been able to take any non-Catholic students.

### **Is there a zone?**

Pompallier Catholic College does not have a geographic zone.

### **Does Pompallier have feeder primary schools?**

Pompallier Catholic College will give preference to Catholic students, especially those from St Francis Xavier Primary School in Whangārei for our Year 7 intake, and St Joseph's Catholic School in Dargaville for our Year 9 intake. Please note, this does not mean every student from these schools are guaranteed a place at Pompallier Catholic College.

### **Can we enrol for Years 7 & 8 only?**

Pompallier Catholic College is a Year 7-13 school. The college places great emphasis on family and their commitment to our community. The expectation is that students will continue through to Year 13. Parents/Guardians should be aware of this expectation at the time of their application for enrolment.

### **Will my child be interviewed?**

Year 6 students going into Year 7, and Year 8 students going into Year 9, will be interviewed by our Senior Staff. It is essential that parents or guardians are present at the interview. All other year levels may require an interview.

### **How many students are accepted?**

In 2025, Pompallier will accept approximately 85 students to begin Year 7 in 2026.

### **Is there an academic test?**

There is no entrance test as part of the enrolment process.

### **Can I apply for a child starting in Year 8, 10, 11 or 12 in 2026?**

You are welcome to apply for these year levels. However, please note that priority will be given to Year 7 and 9 applicants.

### **Can I come and look around the school before I apply?**

Families of students who are accepted for enrolment in 2026 will be offered an opportunity to tour the school when our Orientation Day for new students takes place at the end of this year.