

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE 2027/2028

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2027/2028 is available as follows: –

To download at: www.stpaulscollege.ie

1. Application and Decision Dates for admission to 1st Year for 2025/2026

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	From Thursday 1st October 2026
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	Thursday 22nd October 2026
Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision on their application by	Thursday 12th November 2026
Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by	Thursday 19th November 2026

Failure by an applicant to accept an offer by the 19th November will result in the offer being withdrawn.

2. Number of places being made available in the 2027/2028 school year

The number of places being made available in 1 st Year	120
The number of residential places is (boarding schools only)	0
The number of non-residential places is (boarding schools only)	0
The number of places being made available in the special class catering for students with (insert category or categories of SEN catered for in the special class) is	0

3. Number of places in 1st Year for the 2026/2027 school year which were offered and accepted before the 1st of February 2026

The number of places for 1 st Year that were offered and accepted prior to the coming into operation of section 62 of the education (admission to schools) act 2018 on the 1 st of February 2020 is	0
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4. Breakdown of applications in the previous year (only required if the school was oversubscribed in the previous year)

1. Brother of students currently enrolled -30
2. Sons of past pupils – 16
3. Sons of staff members – 0
4. Applicants who attend the feeder schools- 145
5. Applicants from other schools - 96
6. Total number of applicants – 241 (145 + 96).

Procedure where the number of applicants exceed the number of places available:

If the number of applicants is greater than the number of places available offers to enrol will be made using the criteria below in the order given and unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list:

5. Oversubscription

In the event that the school is oversubscribed, the school will, when deciding on applications for admission, apply the following selection criteria in the order listed below to those applications that are received within the timeline for receipt of applications as set out in the school's annual admission notice:

1. Applicants who have a brother who is currently attending the school.
2. Applicants who have a brother who was a student in the school within the previous 10 years.
3. Applicants whose parent/guardian is a staff member of the school.
4. Applicants who attend Belgrove BNS, Scoil Assaim BNS, St. Brigid's BNS and Holy Trinity BNS provided that the number of available places, rounded to the nearest whole number, for each school shall be the same proportion of pupils attending first year from each school in the previous year.
5. Applicants from a category 4 school who are not selected under category 4.
6. Applicants whose father attended the school¹.
7. All other applicants.

Any applicant who has also applied to another school shall automatically be placed in category 7.

In the event that there are a number of students tied for a place or places in any of the selection criteria categories above (the number of applicants exceeds the number of remaining places), a lottery shall apply.

Note: (i) When a criterion has been reached for which there are insufficient places available, a random draw will take place of all applicants who satisfy that particular criterion and they will then be listed in the order in which they are drawn.

¹ Places offered in accordance with this criterion cannot exceed 25% of the available places as set out in the school's annual admission notice.