

SJPIIMA Board of Directors final decision on the admissions criteria for Bishop Walsh Catholic School for 2021/22 after consultation.

The Board of Directors decided to adopt the following admissions criteria for 2021/22 for Bishop Walsh Catholic School. The proposed criteria for admissions has been in the public domain for consultation between December 2019 to February 2020. The following information gives details about the process of consultation, the issues that were raised and the consequent response. Please find the final admissions criteria and Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for Bishop Walsh Catholic School attached to this document.

Summary

The consultation has had 2 responses.
These were both from prospective parents.

The main concerns were raised by the above in the consultation include:

1. The worry that the number of catholic children who reside in one of the feeder parishes and who were not at a designated feeder school would reduce the chances of a pupil who resided in a feeder parish and who attended a designated feeder school. This is because those applicants who reside in a feeder parish and who attend a designated feeder school might live further away from the front door of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and therefore if there were sufficient numbers of those who reside in one of the feeder parishes and who were not at a designated feeder school it may mean some children who reside in a feeder parish and who attend a designated feeder school will have preference in the admissions process of Bishop Walsh Catholic School. **(BofD response – the Board considered carefully the views expressed and has decided to keep the original wording because recent and current demographic patterns indicate that all applicants who find themselves in oversubscription criteria 2 will gain admittance to Bishop Walsh Catholic School).**

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