

ST. PATRICK'S CLASSICAL SCHOOL

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE 2027/2028



The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the Board of Management of St. Patrick's Classical School in respect of the admission of students to the school for the 2027/2028 school year.

Admission Policy and Application Form

Admission Policy: www.stpatscs.com . A printed copy is available from the School Office.

Application Form: Available in the Admissions section at www.stpatscs.com, or request a hard copy by emailing office@stpatscs.com.

1. Admissions to the 2027/2028 School Year

Application and decision dates for admission to First Year

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on:	01/10/2026
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on:	29/10/2026, 12:00 p.m.
Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application by:	19/11/2026
Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by:	03/12/2026, 4:00 p.m.

Note: The school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

*** Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period may result in the offer being withdrawn.**

2. Application and Decision Dates for the Special Class

Dates applicable to admission to St. Patrick's Classical School's special class for 2027/2028:

1. The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on:	01/10/2026
2. The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on:	29/10/2026, 12:00 p.m.
3. Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class by:	19/11/2026
4. Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by:	03/12/2026, 4:00 p.m.

*** Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period may result in the offer being withdrawn.**



3. Number of Places Available in 2027/2028

Number of places being made available in First Year	175
Number of places being made available in the special class	0
Number of applications received for the 2026/2027 school year	363

Special class eligibility and availability

The special class caters for children who have a diagnosis of autism meeting DSM-IV/V or ICD diagnostic criteria. Admission is conditional on:

1. the applicant meeting the eligibility requirements for admission to the special class and
2. a place being available in the corresponding year group.

The number of places available in the special class is subject to change. This may occur if a place becomes available after publication and has not been filled during the current school year in accordance with the Admission Policy and any applicable waiting list, or if a new special class is established in the school.

Cooperation with the National Council for Special Education

St. Patrick's Classical School will cooperate with the National Council for Special Education in the performance of its functions under the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 relating to the provision of education to children with special educational needs. This includes, in particular, the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested by the Council.

The school will comply with any direction served on the patron or Board of Management under section 37A, and any direction served on the Board of Management under section 67(4B), of the Education Act.

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4. Admissions to the 2026/2027 School Year

Breakdown of places allocated

Number of places available	180
Number of applications received	363
Number of names placed on the waiting list	162

Offers made and accepted under each criterion

Admission criteria	Places offered and accepted
Four criteria applied: • Applicants who are of the Catholic faith • Applicants who are the eldest male sibling in their family • Applicants who have a brother or brothers currently attending, or who previously attended, St. Patrick's Classical School • Applicants who are sons of past pupils who completed their Leaving Certificate in St. Patrick's Classical School (up to a maximum of 25% of available places)	Roman Catholic applications: 317 Roman Catholic places available: 175 Roman Catholic places offered and accepted: 175 Other faiths and none applications: 46 Other faiths and none places available: 5 Other faiths and none places offered and accepted: 5
Number of places made available in the special class	Places available: 5 Total places offered and accepted: 5