

St Anne's School (Woolston) (3520)

Enrolment Scheme

Commences 1 January 2026

St Anne's School (Woolston) is a State integrated school with a Special Character which is defined in their Integration Agreement as; The school is a Roman Catholic School in which the whole School community through the general School programme and in its Religious instructions and observances, exercises the right to live and teach the values of Jesus Christ. These values are as expressed in the Scriptures and in the practices, worship and doctrine of the Roman Catholic church, as determined from time to time by the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Christchurch.

St Anne's School (Woolston) is a Catholic State integrated primary school for Years 1 to 8.

The School Board is responsible for enrolments and is required to work within the school's maximum roll as defined in their Integration Agreement. As the school is close to its maximum roll and/or there are more applicants than there are spaces available at the school, the school operates an enrolment scheme under Section 71 and Clause 16 of Schedule 20 to the Education and Training Act 2020.

Enrolment - Special Programme - Samoan Bilingual Programme

The school operates a Samoan Bilingual Special Programme.

The criteria for acceptance into the Samoan Bilingual Programme is as follows:

Respective āiga (family) interested in enrolling will be expected to demonstrate a genuine commitment to the Samoan language and Samoan culture. Students will need someone in the home that can encourage the student to understand and speak in Samoan /or currently be committed to learning as an āiga.

Gagana Samoan medium provision at St Anne's School (Woolston) has limited space and entry prerequisites are in place. The number of learners enrolled in the Samoan Bi-lingual Special Programme at any one time is limited up to 56 places.

The area of reasonable convenience for the Special Programme is defined as the Stella Maris Parish (Catholic Parish of Christchurch East).

For applicants who meet the commitment criteria above, priority for acceptance into the programme is in the following order:

Priority 1 – Preference applicant within Special Programme area of reasonable convenience	Preference Applicant who, on the Closing Date, resides in the Special Programme area of reasonable convenience for the special programme. Applicants are to be prioritised as follows; a) Applicant attends St Anne's School (Woolston) b) Applicant is a sibling of a student currently enrolled in the special programme c) Applicant is a sibling of a student formerly enrolled in the special programme d) Applicant has attended Samoan Language Early Childhood Education
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	e) All other preference applicants who, on the Closing Date, reside in the area of reasonable convenience.
Priority 2 – Preference applicant outside Special Programme area of reasonable convenience	Preference Applicant who, on the Closing Date, resides outside the Special Programme area of reasonable convenience for the special programme. Applicants are to be prioritised as follows; a) Applicant attends St Anne’s School Woolston b) Applicant is a sibling of a student currently enrolled in the special programme c) Applicant is a sibling of a student formerly enrolled in the special programme d) Applicant has attended Samoan Language Early Childhood Education e) All other preference applicants who, on the Closing Date, reside outside the area of reasonable convenience.
Priority 3 – Non-Preference applicant within Special Programme area of reasonable convenience	Non-Preference Applicant who, on the Closing Date, resides in the Special Programme area of reasonable convenience for the special programme. Applicants are to be prioritised as follows; a) Applicant attends St Anne’s School (Woolston) b) Applicant is a sibling of a student currently enrolled in the special programme c) Applicant is a sibling of a student formerly enrolled in the special programme d) Applicant has attended Samoan Language Early Childhood Education e) All other non-preference applicants who, on the Closing Date, reside in the area of reasonable convenience.
Priority 4- Non-Preference applicant outside Special Programme area of reasonable convenience	Non-Preference Applicant who, on the Closing Date, resides outside the Special Programme area of reasonable convenience for the special programme. Applicants are to be prioritised as follows; a) Applicant attends St Anne’s School (Woolston) b) Applicant is a sibling of a student currently enrolled in the special programme c) Applicant is a sibling of a student formerly enrolled in the special programme d) Applicant has attended Samoan Language Early Childhood Education e) All other non-preference applicants who, on the Closing Date, reside outside the area of reasonable convenience.

If there are more applicants in any of the priority groups than there are places available, selection within the priority group will be by a ballot conducted in accordance with instructions by the Secretary, under Schedule 20, Clause 3 (1) of the Education and Training Act 2020.

If there are more applications than places, applicants not securing a place will enter the selection process for places at the school (outside the special programme/general) on the same basis as other

students (unless the parents advise they do not wish to apply for places outside the special programme).

Non-Preference Applicants may be considered for enrolment in the Special Programme only if enrolment places remain after all Preference Applicants have been offered a place. The maximum number of places available at St Anne's School (Woolston) for Non-Preference Applicants will be governed by the maximum allowable under the Integration Agreement.

Enrolment - General

The Integration Agreement for each school specifies the maximum roll of the school and the maximum number of Non-Preference students who may be enrolled. The St Anne's School (Woolston) Board is legally responsible for managing the roll within the numbers set down in the Integration Agreement.

Each year, the Board will advertise the number of places available at each year level and will assign these places in accordance with the following priority categories.

Area of Reasonable Convenience

The Area of Reasonable Convenience for general enrolment at St Anne's School (Woolston) is defined by Qualifying Parishes.

Qualifying Parishes means one (or more) of the following Catholic parishes as defined by the Diocese and/or previously promulgated parishes that are now subsets of larger single parishes, again as defined by the Diocese:

Primary Qualifying Parishes¹

- **The former Parish of Woolston**
- **The former Parish of Lyttelton**

Secondary Qualifying Parishes¹

- **Stella Maris Parish (Catholic Parish of Christchurch East)**

Normal intake is Year 1 however, applications for entry at other year levels will be considered if places are available.

Applications for enrolment close on the date published on the website (Closing Date). All criteria listed below will be assessed as at the Closing Date.

Priority of Enrolment

The Education and Training Act 2020 provides that "The children of parents who have a particular or general philosophical or religious connection with a State integrated school must be preferred to other children for enrolment at the school"².

All applications for general enrolment will be processed in the following order of priority:


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¹ Please note: the former parishes of Aranui, New Brighton, Woolston, Lyttelton and Sumner now form the larger **Stella Maris Parish, Catholic Parish of Christchurch East**

² [Schedule 6, Clause 26 – Preference of enrolment](#)

Preference Applicants³

Priority 1 – Transferring Applicant	Where places are available at year 7: Preference Applicant who, on the Closing Date, is a current year 6 student at St James School (Aranui). Applicants are to be prioritised as follows; a) Applicant who, on the Closing Date, resides in a Primary Qualifying Parish b) Applicant who, on the Closing Date, resides in a Secondary Qualifying Parish
Priority 2 – Primary Qualifying Parish	Preference Applicant who, on the Closing Date, resides in a Primary Qualifying Parish. Applicants are to be prioritised as follows; a) Applicant is a sibling of a current student of the school. b) Applicant is a sibling of a former student of the school. c) Applicant is a child of a former student of the school. d) Applicant is a child of an employee of the school's board or a child of a member of the school's board. e) All other Preference Applicants who, on the Closing Date, reside in a Primary Qualifying Parish.
Priority 3 – Secondary Qualifying Parish	Preference Applicant who, on the Closing Date, resides in a Secondary Qualifying Parish. Applicants are to be prioritised as follows; a) Applicant is a sibling of a current student of the school. b) Applicant is a sibling of a former student of the school. c) Applicant is a child of a former student of the school. d) Applicant is a child of an employee of the school's board or a child of a member of the school's board. e) All other Preference Applicants who, on the Closing Date, reside in a Secondary Qualifying Parish.
Priority 4	Preference Applicant who, on the Closing Date, resides outside a Qualifying Parish. Applicants are to be prioritised as follows; a) Applicant is a sibling of a current student of the school b) All other Preference Applicants who, on the Closing Date, reside outside a Qualifying Parish.

If the total number of applications from Preference students is less than the number of places available, all Preference Applicants will be enrolled.

Non-Preference Applicants

Priority 5 – Primary Qualifying Parish	Non-Preference Applicant who, on the Closing Date, resides in a Primary Qualifying Parish. Applicants are to be prioritised as follows; a) Applicant is a sibling of a current student of the school. b) Applicant is a sibling of a former student of the school. c) Applicant is a child of a former student of the school.
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³ Definition at the end of this document

	d) Applicant is a child of an employee of the school's board or a child of a member of the school's board. e) All other Non-Preference Applicants who, on the Closing Date, reside in a Primary Qualifying Parish.
Priority 6 – Secondary Qualifying Parish	Non-Preference Applicant who, on the Closing Date, resides in a Secondary Qualifying Parish. Applicants are to be prioritised as follows; a) Applicant is a sibling of a current student of the school. b) Applicant is a sibling of a former student of the school. c) Applicant is a child of a former student of the school. d) Applicant is a child of an employee of the school's board or a child of a member of the school's board. e) All other Non-Preference Applicants who, on the Closing Date, reside in a Secondary Qualifying Parish.
Priority 7	All other Non-Preference Applicants

Non-Preference Applicants may be considered for enrolment only if enrolment places remain after all Preference Applicants have been offered a place and the total roll will remain under the maximum specified in the Integration Agreement, including any students enrolled in the Special Programme. The maximum number of places available for Non-Preference Applicants will be governed by the maximum allowable under the Integration Agreement.

Additional Entitlement to Enrol

This provision has been approved under Section 75 1(b) of the Education and Training Act 2020.

Preference Applicants who are siblings of St Anne's School (Woolston) students enrolled at the date that the enrolment scheme is implemented by the Board, will be considered to be Priority 2a applicants (for general enrolment) or Priority 1 applicants (for enrolment into the special programme) as per [Section 75 of the Education and Training Act 2020](#).

[Section 75 \(3\)](#) of the Education and Training Act 2020 sets out the definition of a "sibling" for these purposes.

The School will maintain a list of students enrolled at the time of the implementation of the enrolment scheme by the Board in order to enable determination of eligibility to enrol under this provision. If applying for enrolment under this part of the enrolment scheme, the sibling's name and evidence of a sibling relationship may be required by the school.

This provision will only apply to Preference Applicants who are siblings of a student who was enrolled at (attending) the school at the implementation date. This provision will not apply to Preference Applicants who have a sibling who attended the school at the implementation date, but who are no longer enrolled at the Preference Applicant's start date.

Note that the date of implementation is the date at which the School Board officially adopted the enrolment scheme, rather than the date at which the enrolment scheme commences.

Allocation of Places and Wait List

If there are more Applicants in categories than there are places available, places will be allocated in priority order until a category (or sub-category) is reached where the number of spaces available in that category (or sub-category) is insufficient to accommodate the number of eligible students. Places will then be allocated by **ballot**.

If the total number of Applicants is greater than the number of places available, unsuccessful Applicants will have their names recorded on a waiting list within their relevant priority category (or sub-category). Applicants on the waiting list may be offered places at a later date if places become available. The waiting list will remain current until the School Board next notifies the public that it is inviting applications for the next enrolment intake.

Notifications for Pre-Enrolment Processes

The School Board must place a public notice in a medium appropriate to the area served by the School, indicating the likely number of places available and the significant pre-enrolment dates and procedures that will apply.

Maximum Roll

The school roll will be managed within the Maximum Roll authorised by the Ministry of Education and prescribed in the School Integration Agreement and in terms of the Education and Training Act 2020 (Schedule 6).

Parental Consent

- Non-Preference Applicants accept they will be attending a Catholic Special Character school and that their place is conditional on their participation in the Catholic Special Character of the School.
- All Applicants accept that they will be required to pay attendance dues as set by the Proprietor and these are compulsory.

Qualifying Parishes Written Descriptions

Primary Qualifying Parish: the former Parish of Woolston

Starting from the intersection of Aldwins Road and Linwood Avenue;

- South east along the south west side of Linwood Avenue to Hay Street
- North east along the east side of Hay Street to McGregors Road
- North along the east side of McGregors Road to Ruru Road
- South east along the south side of Ruru Road to Maces Road
- North east along the east side of Maces Road to Ruru Road
- South east along the south side of Ruru Road to Dyers Road (SH 74)
- South west along Dyers Road (SH 74) to Linwood Avenue
- South east along Linwood Avenue to Humphreys Drive
- South east along the south side of Humphreys Drive to Tidal View
- South east along Tidal View to Ferry Road
- East along the south side of Ferry Road to Bridle Path Road
- South along the west side of Bridle Path Road to the Bridle Path Track
- South along the Bridle Path Track to Summit Road
- West along the north side of Summit Road to the Rāpaki Track
- North along the east side of the Rapaki Track to Rapaki Road

- Continue north along the east side of Rapaki road to Centaurus Road
- North to the Heathcote River (Ōpāwaho) and north east along the east bank of the river to a point that aligns with the intersection of Ford Road and Louisson Place
- Due west to Ford Road and along the north side of Ford Road to Fifield Terrace
- North along the east side of Fifield Terrace to Ensors Road
- North east along the east side of Ensors Road to Frederick Street
- North west along the north side of Frederick Street to Isabella Place
 - Including Isabella Reserve
- North east along the east side of Isabella Place to Ferry Road
- South east along the south side of Ferry Road to Aldwins Road
- North east along the east side of Aldwins Road to Linwood Avenue

Primary Qualifying Parish: the former Parish of Lyttelton

Starting from the coastline from the most eastern point of Godley Head (Awaroa):

- South east across the harbour to Beacon Rock on the north east entrance to Port Levy
- Due south to Wild Cattle Hill on the ridge between Pigeon Bay and Port Levy
- South west through Mt Bradley and Mt Herbert respectively to the Summit Walkway (Te Ara Pātaka Walkway)
- North west along the Summit Walkway (Te Ara Pātaka Walkway) to Gebbies Pass Road
- West along the north side of Gebbies Pass Road to Summit Road
- North along the east side of Summit Road to the end of the road
- Due west from the most eastern end of Summit Road to the most eastern point of Godley Head (Awaroa)

Secondary Qualifying Parish: Stella Maris Parish (Catholic Parish of Christchurch East)

Starting from the intersection of Travis Road and Anzac Drive;

- East along the south side of Travis Road to Rookwood Avenue
- South east along the south side of Rookwood Avenue to Bowhill Road
- East along the south side of Bowhill Road to the coastline
- South along the coastline, past the Avon Heathcote Estuary (Te Ihutai) to Awaroa/Godley Head
- South east across the harbour to Beacon Rock on the north east entrance to Port Levy
- Due south to Wild Cattle Hill on the ridge between Pigeon Bay and Port Levy
- South west through Mt Herbert and Mt Bradley respectively to the Summit Walkway (Te Ara Pātaka Walkway)
- North west along the Summit Walkway (Te Ara Pātaka Walkway) to Gebbies Pass Road
- West along the north side of Gebbies Pass Road to Summit Road
- North along the east side of Summit Road to the Rapaki Track
- North along the east side of the Rapaki Track to Rapaki Road
- Continue north along the east side of Rapaki road to Centaurus Road
- Due north to the Heathcote River (Ōpāwaho) and north east along the east bank of the river to a point that aligns with Ford Road
- Due west along the north side of Ford Road to Fifield Terrace
- North along the east side of Fifield Terrace to Ensors Road
- North east along the east side of Ensors Road to Frederick Street
- North west along the north side of Frederick Street to Isabella Place
 - Including Isabella Reserve
- North east along the east side of Isabella Place to Ferry Road

- South east along the south side of Ferry Road to Aldwins Road
- North east along the east side of Aldwins Road to Linwood Avenue
- South east along the south west side of Linwood Avenue to Hay Street
- North east along the east side of Hay Street to McGregors Road
- North along the east side of McGregors Road to Ruru Road
- East along the south side of Ruru Road to Cypress Street
- North along the east side of Cypress Street to Rudds Road
- East along the south side of Rudds Road to Kearneys Road
- North along the east side of Kearneys Road to Pages Road
- North east along the south side of Pages Road to Bickerton Street
- North west along the east side of Bickerton Street to the Avon River (Ōtākaro)
- North and east along the east bank of the Avon River (Ōtākaro) to a point that aligns with Anzac Drive
- Due north along the east side of Anzac Drive (SH 74) to Travis Road

Definitions

“Applicant” means a student applying for acceptance onto the student roll of the School.

“The Board” means the School Board of St Anne’s School (Woolston).

“Closing Date” means the publicly notified date in each year by which applications for enrolment at the School are to be received.

“Diocese” means the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch.

“Employee” means a person employed directly by the School on either a fixed term employment agreement or on an enduring agreement for continuous employment.

“Maximum Roll” means the maximum number of students that should be enrolled for attendance at the School as prescribed from time to time under its Integration Agreement.

“Non-Preference Applicants” means Applicants who do not hold a Preference of Enrolment Certificate.

“Preference Applicants” means Applicants who hold a Preference of Enrolment Certificate. Preference criteria relating to enrolment at the School is established by the **Catholic Bishop of Christchurch** and any issues relating to obtaining preference certificates must be resolved with the relevant priest or a bishop-appointed parish preference committee member.

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC) has defined⁴ five criteria for establishing parents’ connection with Catholic State-integrated schools such as to give Preference of Enrolment which are:

- 5.1 The child has been baptised or is being prepared for baptism in the Catholic Church.
- 5.2 The child’s parents/guardians have already allowed one or more of its siblings to be baptised in the Catholic faith.
- 5.3 At least one parent/guardian is a Catholic, and although their child has not yet been baptised, the child’s participation in the life of the school could lead to the parents having the child baptised.
- 5.4 With the agreement of the child’s parent/legal guardian, a significant familial adult such as a grandparent, aunt or uncle who is actively involved in the child’s upbringing undertakes to support the child’s formation in the faith and practices of the Catholic Church.
- 5.5 One or both of a child’s non-Catholic parents/guardians is preparing to become a Catholic.

⁴ [Guidelines for The Granting of Preference of Enrolment in New Zealand Catholic Schools, November 2018.](#)

“Primary Qualifying Parish” means the following Catholic parish as defined by the Diocese:

- The former parish of Woolston
- The former parish of Lyttelton

“Proprietor” means the Roman Catholic Bishop of Christchurch.

“Secondary Qualifying Parish” means the following Catholic parish (excluding the Primary Qualifying Parish) as defined by the Diocese:

- Stella Maris Parish (Catholic Parish of Christchurch East)

“School” means St Anne’s School (Wooston)

“Special Programme area of reasonable convenience” applies only to applicants for enrolment in the Special Programme and means the following Catholic parish as defined by the Diocese

- Stella Maris Parish (Catholic Parish of Christchurch East)

“Stella Maris Parish (Catholic Parish of Christchurch East)” means the Catholic Parish as defined by the Diocese. This is made up of the former parishes of;

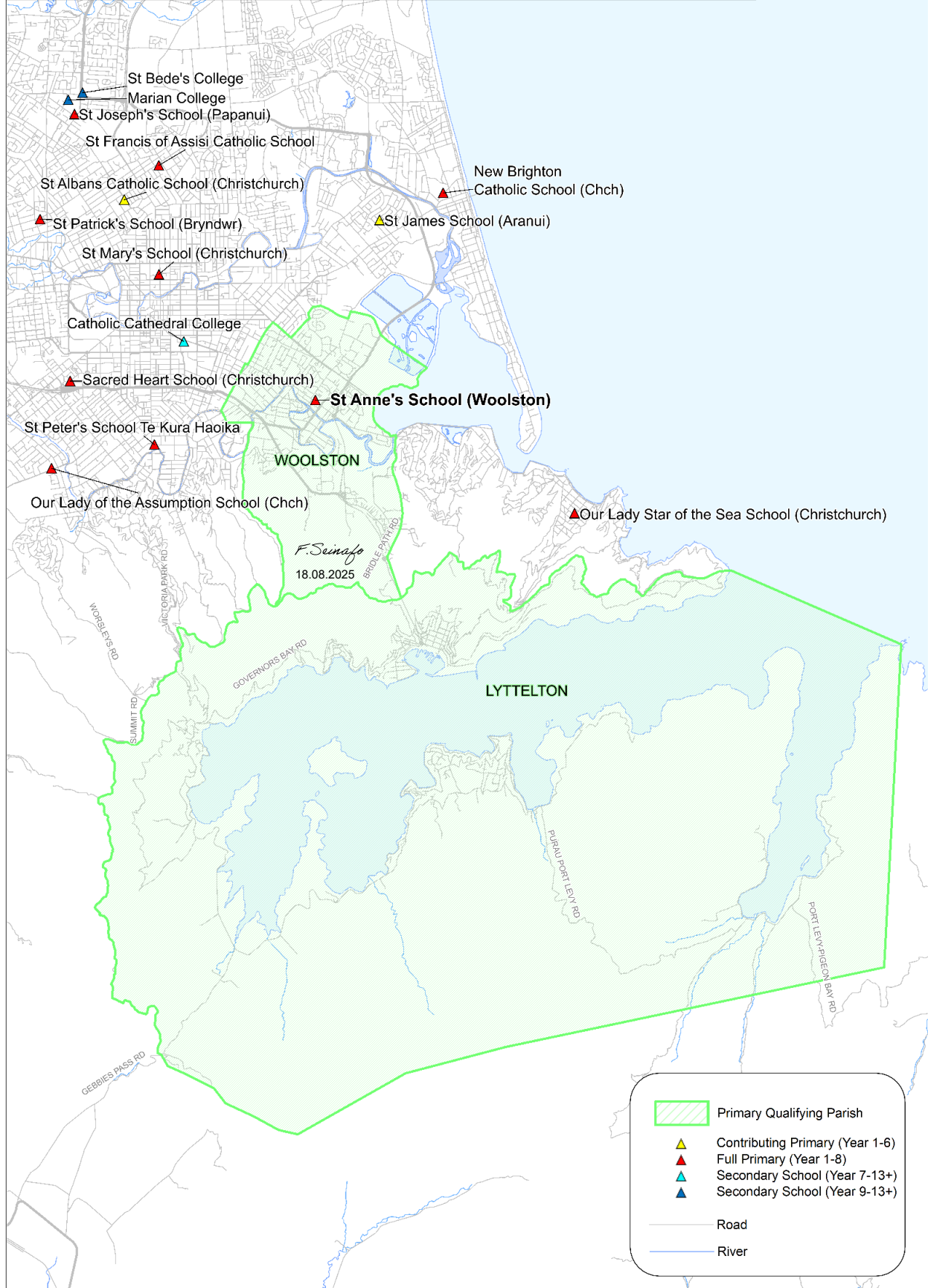
- Ferrymead (consisting of the former parishes of Woolston, Lyttelton and Sumner)
- Christchurch East (consisting of the former parishes of Aranui and New Brighton)

Words which refer to the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa.

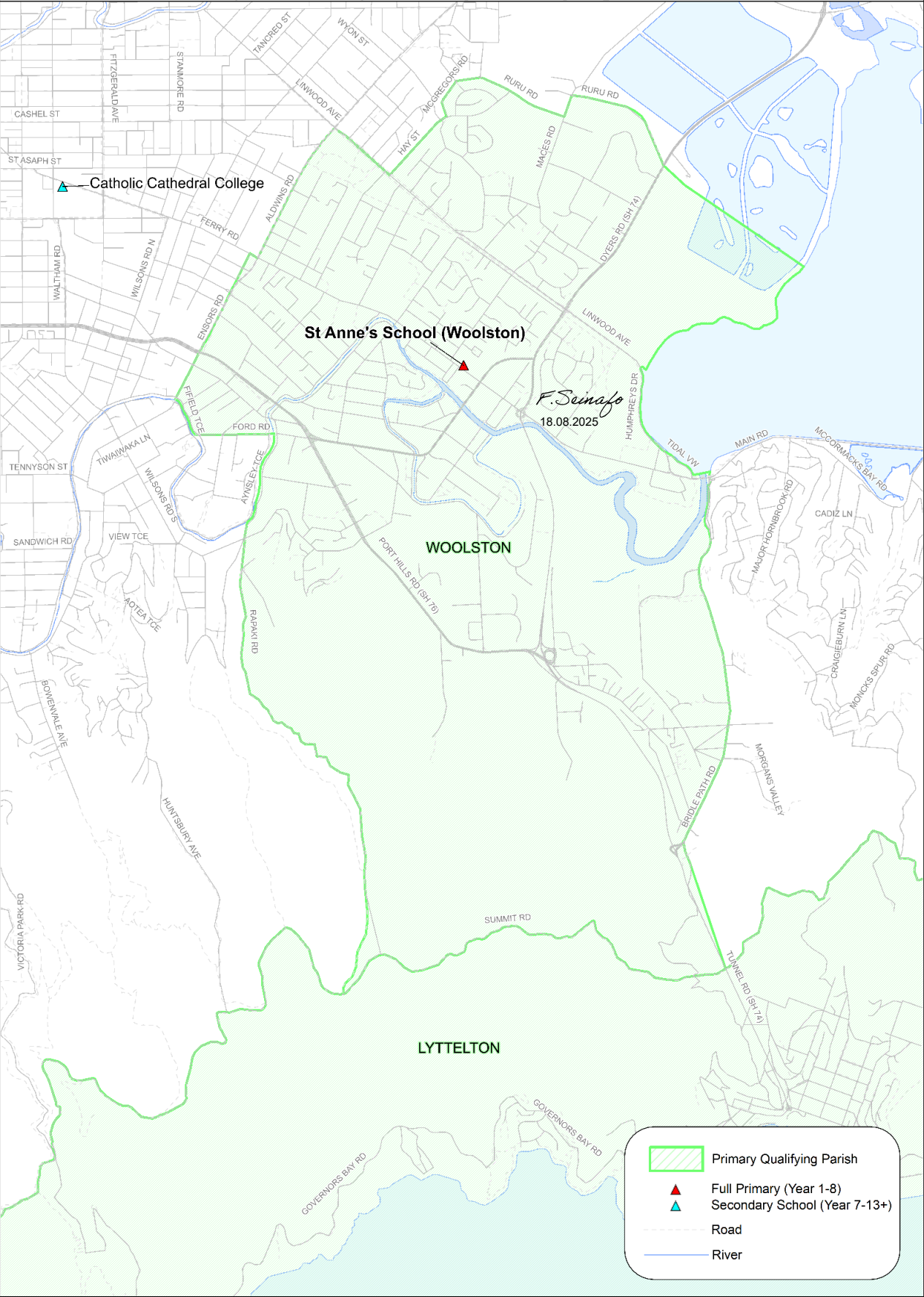
Notes

- The selection processes described above will be the basis for students applying to enrol either at the beginning of, or during the school year.

St Anne's School (Woolston) Primary Qualifying Parish



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St Anne's School (Woolston) Primary and Secondary Qualifying Parishes

