



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

SUTHERLAND



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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Parent Nomination for placement in a Newman Selective class 2021

St Patrick's College is continuing in the SCS Newman Expansion, an initiative that focuses on a systematic identification and selection process for students interested in being considered for a place in our Newman Selective classes. We would like to invite interested parents to complete the Parent Nomination form on behalf of their child in order to apply for a place in our 2021 Newman classes.

Nomination Process

If you choose to complete and submit the Parent Nomination form, your child will sit the Newman Selective Higher Ability Assessment which has been designed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). This will be held in Term 1, 2020. The date and details regarding the test will be shared when they become available.

How to apply for a placement in the Newman Selective cohort:

1. Complete the Parent Nomination form following the instructions
2. Attach copies of supporting evidence to the nomination form (eg: ICAS Competition results)
3. Return the nomination form to the College Office **by Friday 20 September 2019**.

Our Catholic Primary feeder schools will provide us with your child's diagnostic assessment data, such as PAT Math and PAT Reading, which will support their nomination. There will be no need for parents to collect any information from their child's Catholic feeder Primary school teacher as this will be shared with the College via Compass.

If your child has been enrolled from a school outside of Sydney Catholic Schools, we recommend asking your child's Primary school teacher to provide you with any diagnostic assessment information they have gathered that is related to your child's educational development (eg: PAT Math results) and attach this information to the nomination form.

Each nomination for a placement in a Newman Selective Gifted Education Secondary class will be carefully considered by the Newman Selection Panel, **even those without additional evidence**.

Contact Details

If you have any questions in relation to the Newman Selective Gifted Education nomination process, please contact the College Newman Facilitator, Miss Lauren Hickson on 9542 9000 or via email: info@spcsutherland.catholic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

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Principal