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Curriculum Grounds Application Process Update - 25/04/2022

Each year the Department of Education updates and releases the Year 6 to Year 7 Enrolment Processes and Placement Guidelines for the following year. All schools in the Department follow the same guidelines and primary schools and secondary schools work closely together to support families through the enrolment process.

The Placement Guidelines for Year 7 2023 were released in April and there have been some changes that are important to note and mean that our curriculum grounds application processes for this year will look a little different to what has occurred in past years.

For those of you who have attended tours and others who may have already been through the enrolment process with older students, the information that was provided to you in relation to curriculum grounds applications or your previous experience of the process has changed.

This year, changes to the process mean that we will not be inviting Curriculum Grounds Applicants into the school ahead of the offers being made on Wednesday 20th July 2022. We will only require the submission of the Curriculum Grounds Application Form that is included here, by Friday 13th May 2022. This form, together with the preference information that we receive from the primary school, will be used to determine whether we are able to offer a place under Curriculum Grounds.

Should you choose to submit supporting documentation along with your Curriculum Grounds Application form, we ask that the documentation is specific to the Curriculum Grounds area under which you are applying. For example, students applying under Music Grounds may wish to provide evidence that music lessons have been undertaken. For those applying under Elite Sporting Grounds, copies of relevant awards or inclusion in representative teams would be relevant. General references from primary school teachers or principals are not appropriate for the purpose of this application and will not be considered.

If you are applying for entry into the school **only** via the curriculum grounds of "Other" the school is willing to meet with you, should you feel the need to be more explicit in the information beyond what you provide on the form.

The final change that is of note is that once offers have been made in July, families will receive a Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip from their primary school. These slips are to be returned by the parent/carer, to your primary school by Wednesday 10 August 2022. This new step in the process will support families and schools to prepare for 2023.

We have included a hard copy of the Year 7 2023 placement timeline so that you have the dates and requirements of each stage of the process readily accessible.

We look forward to working with you in the coming months to support your application.