Your zoned Catholic secondary school is now accepting applications for admission to Year 7 in 2017. You are kindly requested to complete the accompanying application form for the enrolment of your son or daughter and return it within a week of receiving it. Increasingly, schools are finding difficulty in accepting all requests for enrolment, therefore early return of your application is important. If limits on class sizes have to be imposed, late applications may, unfortunately, have to be added to the waiting list or declined.

Completed applications are considered carefully and you will be informed as quickly as possible regarding acceptance. Finalisation of school fee payments in previous diocesan schools is a condition of enrolment in another diocesan school.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle provides a high standard of secondary education. The schools are well staffed and their equipment and facilities are constantly being improved. Above all, they offer a comprehensive religious education program to help you with the continuing Christian foundation of your child. This program includes Religious Education classes, opportunities for Mass and the Sacraments, Christian living experiences and guidance in moral development.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Catholic primary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle provide an affordable option for parents seeking a faith perspective for their children’s education.

Catholic schools collect school fees because there is a gap between the amount of government funding received and the cost of running a Catholic school. Although Catholic schools must charge tuition fees and levies to supplement government funding, fees and charges are kept at a level that is affordable for most families.

School fees in the Diocese are made up of a number of charges

**The Diocesan Tuition Fee** is set each year by the Bishop in consultation with the diocesan Finance Council, the Catholic Schools Council and the Federation of Parents & Friends Association. The school retains a portion of this fee to assist with operating costs. The balance is returned to the Catholic Schools Office to assist with the payment of salaries, workers compensation, public liability, student accident insurances and other operating costs.

In 2016, the attracted family discount for each child, off the diocesan tuition fee full rate, will continue to be:

- 1 child family 0% - full rate
- 2 child family 10% each child
- 3 child family 20% each child
- 4 child family 40% each child
- 5+ child family 50% each child
ZONING

Each secondary school caters for students from a group of parishes in the Diocese. The zones are of particular importance in the Newcastle and Maitland areas where there are several secondary schools. Zoning in these two areas has enabled us to achieve equitable class loads in all schools and thus an improved educational situation.

In the past, parents have been most co-operative with regard to zoning. Requests for admission to a school outside the student's zone must be accompanied by written details of the particular educational needs which can be best met by the out-of-zone school. Out-of-zone requests will be considered initially by the zoned school.

**ST. JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL, ABERDEEN**
Accepts students, Years 7-12, from the areas of Denman, Merriwa, Muswellbrook Scone and Murrurundi.

**ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL, ADAMSTOWN**
Accepts students, Years 7-10, from the areas of Adamstown, Broadmeadow, Hamilton, Kotara South, Lambton, Newcastle, New Lambton, Wallsend and Shortland and defined by the zone primary schools.

**ST. PAUL'S HIGH SCHOOL, BOORAGUL**
Accepts students, Years 7-12, from the areas of Boolaroo-Warners Bay, Cardiff, Glendale/West Wallsend, Morisset, Toronto, Boorangul and defined by the zone primary schools.

**ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, GATESHEAD**
Accepts students, Years 7-10, from the areas of Belmont, Boolaroo-Warners Bay, Charlestown, Gateshead, Windale and Swansea and defined by the zone primary schools.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE, HAMILTON**
Accepts students, Year 11 and 12 from Year 10, St. Pius X High School, Adamstown, Year 10, St. Mary's High School, Gateshead, and Year 10, San Clemente High School, Mayfield.

**ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE, ST. JOSEPH'S CAMPUS, LOCHINVAR**
Accepts students, Years 7-10, from the areas of Branxton (where transport to Lochinvar is more convenient than it is to Singleton), Cessnock, Lochinvar and Rutherford.

**ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE, ST. MARY'S CAMPUS, MAITLAND**
Accepts students, Years 11-12, from the areas of Beresfield, Dungog, Gresford, East Maitland, Kurri Kurri, Maitland, Branxton, Cessnock, Lochinvar and Rutherford.

**ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE, ST. PETER'S CAMPUS, MAITLAND**
Accepts students, Years 7-10, from the areas of Beresfield, Dungog, Gresford, East Maitland, Kurri Kurri, and Maitland. The geographic boundary for Raymond Terrace is west of the Hunter River.

**SAN CLEMENTE HIGH SCHOOL, MAYFIELD**
Accepts students, Years 7-10, from the areas of Mayfield/ Mayfield West, Nelson Bay, Raymond Terrace, Stockton, Wallsend/Shortland and Waratah. The geographic boundary for Raymond Terrace is east of the Hunter River.

**ST. CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SINGLETON**
Accepts students, Years 7-12, from the parishes of Branxton (where transport to Singleton is more convenient than it is to Lochinvar) and Singleton.

**ST. CLARE'S HIGH SCHOOL, TAREE**
Years 7-12, from the areas of Bulahdelah, Forster- Tuncurry, Gloucester/Krambach, Taree and Wingham.