



Year Level Placement for New Entrants

St Joseph's School operates a **cohort entry** system. Children begin school on Ministry of Education cohort entry dates after they turn five years old.

Once your child turns five you can choose any of the dates below. They can't start before they turn five but must start by the time they turn six years old.

- Children who begin school in **Cohort 1 or Cohort 2 (Term 1)** will start as **Year 1** students.
- Children who begin school in **Cohort 3 (Term 2)** or later will start as **Year 0** students and will move into **Year 1 at the beginning of the following school year**.

This approach ensures children have sufficient time to develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence expected at each year level before progressing through the New Zealand Curriculum.

If your child transfers to St Joseph's from another school, we will review their previous schooling, learning progress, age, and time spent at school to determine the most appropriate year-level placement. Our priority is always to place children in the setting that best supports their long-term learning and success.

Year-Level Placement Based on Cohort Entry

Cohort	Start Date 2026	Start Date 2027	Year Level on Entry	Following Year
Cohort 1 (Term 1)	2 February	Between 28 January & 3 February TBC	Year 1	Year 2
Cohort 2 (Term 1)	9 March	8 March	Year 1	Year 2
Cohort 3 (Term 2)	20 April	27 April	Year 0	Year 1
Cohort 4 (Term 2)	2 June	31 May	Year 0	Year 1
Cohort 5 (Term 3)	20 July	19 July	Year 0	Year 1
Cohort 6 (Term 3)	24 August	23 August	Year 0	Year 1
Cohort 7 (Term 4)	12 October	11 October	Year 0	Year 1
Cohort 8 (Term 4)	16 November	15 November	Year 0	Year 1