



Newman Catholic College

Application Guidelines for Secondary One Discretionary Places For Academic Year 2026-2027



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1. Period for application: From 2nd January, 2026 (Friday) to 16th January, 2026 (Friday)
2. Application procedures: Application form can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website: <https://www.newman.edu.hk/s1dp>
Submit the completed application form and supporting documents in person to the school office. A confirmation slip will be issued upon submission.
Alternatively, applications can be submitted via the SSPA e-Platform (<https://esspa.edb.gov.hk>). The Education Bureau (EDB) has implemented the e-Platform for S1 admission starting from 2023. Parents registered as e-Platform users may submit applications through this platform.
3. Number of discretionary places: 40 places, open to both boys and girls (Co-educational)
4. Documents to be submitted:
 1. A recent photograph (affixed to the application form)
 2. The Application Form for S1 Discretionary Place issued by EDB
 3. A photocopy of the applicant's birth certificate or HKID card
 4. Photocopies of the applicant's Primary 5 and Primary 6 report cards
 5. Photocopies of certificates, awards and/or proof of participation in extra-curricular activities and servicesRemarks: Applicants are not required to submit additional documents (e.g., recommendation letters from primary schools.)
5. Interview: All applicants, accompanied by their parents, will be invited for an interview on **14th March 2026 (Saturday)**. A notification letter will be sent in February. Interviews will be conducted in multiple languages.
6. Admission criteria and weightings: Admission criteria and their respective weightings are as follows:
 1. Performance in Interview (35%)
 2. Academic performance (30%)
 3. Conduct and attitudes (20%)
 4. Skills, Awards and Extra-curricular activities (15%)
7. Notification of results: Parents of successful applicants will be notified of their child's inclusion in the Successful Lists for Discretionary Places via letter and phone on 31st March 2026 (Tuesday). The results of the Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) will be announced on 7th July 2026. Parents registered as SSPA e-Platform users may also receive notifications regarding successful discretionary place applications and SSPA allocation results through the e-Platform.
8. Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sunday & Public Holiday: Closed
9. Enquiries: For enquiries, please contact Ms. Law or Mr. Lee Wai Chung at 2385 7812.