



# Newman Catholic College

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



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1. Period for application: From 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2026 (Friday) to 16<sup>th</sup> 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 services

Remarks: 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 **14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (Saturday)**. A notification letter will be sent in February. Interviews will be conducted in multiple languages.
6. Admission criteria and weightings:
  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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 (Tuesday). The results of the Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) will be announced on 7<sup>th</sup> 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.