



Conditions of Enrolment and Designated Character for 2026

The Board invites applications from students who wish to enrol at Te Puna Wai o Waipapa – Hagley College for 2026. Enrolment at the College is governed by an Enrolment Scheme, details of which are available from the College office.

As a Designated Character School, our maximum roll is prescribed by the Secretary for Education. In 2026 our roll is set at 1,400 full-time equivalent student places.

As required under our Designated Character Enrolment Scheme, the Board has determined that the following full-time equivalent student places are available for students in 2026:

- Year 9 150 maximum roll
- Year 10 150 maximum roll [including re-enrolling students from 2025]
- Year 11 150 maximum roll [including re-enrolling students from 2025]
- Years 9-12 Targeted Learning 18 maximum roll [including re-enrolling students from 2025] (as part of the numbers above)
- Years 12-14 950 maximum roll [including re-enrolling students from 2025]

The exact number of places at Years 10 to 13 will depend on the number of 2025 students re-enrolling. Please note:

- There will only be 2-3 places available in Targeted Learning for new students in 2026.
- There may be no Year 10 places available for new students in 2026. If places become available due to current students leaving, this will be advertised in August 2025.

Enrolment Process

The closing date for applications for any vacancies in each year level or specialised programme will be notified through the website and other media. No late applications will be accepted or considered in any given enrolment period.

Places will only be offered to those applicants who meet, or have the potential to meet, the Designated Character requirements.

On offer of enrolment, the applicant family or adult applicant is required to sign the Confirmation of Enrolment Form to confirm their acceptance and affirm their understanding and support of the Designated Character.

Enrolment Period – Year 9

The first enrolment period for Year 9 is 19 May – 19 June 2025.

For students seeking enrolment within the first enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications is 12pm midday on Thursday 19 June.

Should places still be available in Year 9 as of 19 June, a second enrolment period will run from 23 June – 18 July 2025. Information will be posted on the website and other media if a second enrolment period is available.

For students seeking enrolment within the second enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications is 12pm midday on Friday 18 July.

If places are still available, further enrolment periods will be notified.

Registration of Interest

Te Puna Wai o Waipapa – Hagley College will keep a list of applicants who have expressed an interest in attending the College once the enrolment period has closed. These registrations of interest do not act as a form of pre-enrolment or waiting list. Those on the register will be notified when vacancies are to be advertised. Please be aware that registrations of interest do not cross over from year to year. Therefore, if you are interested in a place in subsequent years, you will need to contact us again.

What Te Puna Wai o Waipapa – Hagley College’s Designated Character Means

- Te Puna Wai o Waipapa – Hagley College is a Designated Character School established under Section 156 of the Education Act.
- Te Puna Wai o Waipapa – Hagley College acts as a regional hub across Christchurch.
- It provides students with a significantly different learning environment achieved through delivery models not offered in conventional high school settings. It offers a broad curriculum that allows students across Christchurch to access a relevant education designed around their individual needs.
- Its Designated Character is lived out:
 - By ensuring the Board, staff and students demonstrate commitment to the school’s culture and values: Whakamarumarū (Responsibility), Whakawhirinaki (Trust), Mana (Respect), Tika (Integrity)
 - By being open for instruction between the hours of 8.30am – 9pm to enable access to education by adult students
 - By providing innovative learning programmes which:
 - Include core curriculum, specialist pathways and collaboration with other regional groups
 - Provide for full-time and part-time students who are based both on the College campus and in collaborative learning experiences across the city
 - Are for both adolescents (secondary students) and adults
 - Provide for disengaged adolescent and adult learners, students with previously limited aspirations and for those who now want to engage with learning but are finding it difficult to do so.

Designated Character Criteria

Students will be eligible for enrolment if they meet the following criteria. Each student will:

- a) Demonstrate a commitment to Te Puna Wai o Waipapa – Hagley College’s values of trust, respect, integrity and personal responsibility
- b) Demonstrate a willingness to engage in the College’s culture and environment of being adaptable, flexible and working collaboratively
- c) Give the College confidence that they can be supported, and that the College can make a difference to their learning
- d) Identify and agree with the College that there is a programme of learning that meets their learning needs
- e) Be offered a place in an agreed programme of learning only if there is space available in that programme of learning.

Priority Enrolment Criteria

Priority must be accorded to applicants for whom the school is reasonably convenient (Reasonable Convenience for this Enrolment Scheme is defined as being the old Christchurch City boundary prior to amalgamation with Banks Peninsula District Council).

If there are more eligible applicants than available places, then all applicants will be selected for enrolment according to the following priorities [an eligible applicant is a student who meets our Designated Character Criteria above]:

- (a) First priority must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the school.
- (b) Second priority must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a former student of the school.
- (c) Third priority must be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.
- (d) Fourth priority must be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the Board of the school or a child of a member of the Board of the school.
- (e) Fifth priority must be given to all other applicants.

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available places in any one priority group, then applicants will be balloted, and allocation of places will be in ballot order. Applicants on the waiting list will be offered any places that become available before the next ballot. The waiting list will remain in place until the next advertised enrolment period.

If a ballot is necessary, this is scheduled to take place in the week of 28 July – 1 August 2025.

Applications for enrolment are online at <https://www.hagley.school.nz/enrolment/year-9-enrolment/>
Please contact Lisa Amer (lisa.amer@staff.hagley.school.nz / 03 364 5134), hours 8.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday if you cannot enrol online. We would advise all applicants to enrol early.