

Procedure for the Admission of Students beyond Ballot Years Junior/Primary Schools 2026/27

Dear parents/guardians,

I refer to the online form you have filled with regards to vacancies which have arisen for scholastic year 2026/27 at De La Salle College Junior School (DLS) and Stella Maris College Junior School/St Benild School (SMC/SB) in the year groups not covered by the Church Schools ballot.

As announced on our website, the vacancies which arose for 2026/27 were as follows:

	De La Salle College Junior School	Stella Maris College Junior School & St Benild School
Year 2	4	3
Year 3		3
Year 4		1
Year 5		
Year 6		

After the forms have been processed according to our policy, in the table below, kindly find an overview of the way these vacancies have been filled. Each column shows the number of applications under each of the 5 criteria included in our policy. An explanation on how the decision was arrived at is highlighted in the final column of the table. The criteria explained in clause 6 of our policy are reproduced at the end of this circular for ease of reference.

Please note that we have communicated directly with the relevant parents and guardians of students who have filled the vacancies or where a ballot needs to be held. In the case where a ballot needs to be held, this will be held publicly. The date and time of the ballot has been communicated directly to the relevant applicants.

While we understand that this process may be disappointing for some, please appreciate that the number of students we can accept is strictly related to the vacancies which become available. These are now being filled by following a clear and transparent policy and procedure which is publicly available on our website:

<https://lasallemalta.edu.mt/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Non-ballot-Years-policy-UPDATED-March-2024.pdf>

Thank you for your interest in our schools.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Cachia
Director of Educational Mission

31st July, 2026

De La Salle College Junior School

DLS	No. of Vacancies	No. of Applicants Total: 70	Criteria 6(a)	Criteria 6 (b)	Criteria 6 (c)	Criteria 6 (d)	Criteria 6 (e)	OUTCOME
Year 2	4	70	3	3	0	12	52	3 applicants under 6(a) selected. 1 remaining place to be selected through ballot among 3 applicants under 6(b).

Stella Maris College Junior School

SMC /SB	No. of Vacancies	No. of Applicants Total: 100	Criteria 6(a)	Criteria 6 (b)	Criteria 6 (c)	Criteria 6 (d)	Criteria 6 (e)	OUTCOME
Year 2	3	45	1	0	0	9	35	Applicant under 6(a) declined. 3 places to be selected through ballot among 4 applicants under 6(d) as sons of former students of Stella Maris College. The other 5 applicants under 6(d) are sons of former students of the other Lasallian College, De La Salle College.

SMC /SB	Vacancy	Applicants	Criteria 6(a)	Criteria 6 (b)	Criteria 6 (c)	Criteria 6 (d)	Criteria 6 (e)	OUTCOME
Year 3	3	27	0	0	0	4	23	2 applicants selected under 6(d) as sons of former students of Stella Maris College. 1 remaining place to be selected through ballot among 2 applicants under 6(d) as sons of former students of De La Salle College.
Year 4	1	28	0	2	0	5	21	1 place to be selected through ballot among 2 applicants under 6(b) as siblings of current students of Stella Maris College/St Benild School

Please refer to Clauses 6 and 7 of our policy below for an explanation of criteria.

Clause 6

The selection procedure undertaken in July will assign vacant places according to the following criteria, with preference given according to the following order:

- a. Children and grandchildren of present employees within the La Salle Malta network, and former employees who have given over 35 years of service to the Colleges, as well as nephews/grandnephews of De La Salle Brothers, followed by nephews/grandnephews of College Chaplains who have given uninterrupted service to the Colleges for at least 5 years;
- b. Siblings of students currently attending the same College for which the letter of intent has been sent;

- c. Children from Children's homes and children of refugees or those having subsidiary protection status;
- d. Children and siblings of former students of the College for which the letter of intent has been sent, followed by children and siblings of former students of the other Lasallian College;
- e. other applicants.

The selection procedure will thus take place in stages according to the above order.

Clause 7

In the eventuality that there are more students applying for admission in a particular stage than there are places available, a public ballot will be drawn amongst the interested parties for the applicable stage.