



Referee's Letter in Support of Application for Enrolment

Name of Student applying for enrolment	
Level of Entry	
Year of Enrolment	20
Entry as a Day Student or Boarder	
Name of Referee	
Address of Referee	
Occupation of Referee	
Relationship to Applicant	

Thank you for agreeing to write in support of a St Hilda's enrolment.

Under the Deed of Integration which the school concluded with the Minister of Education in 1979, preference of enrolment shall be given 'to those pupils whose parents have a particular sympathy with the special character of St Hilda's Collegiate School...' The following extract from the Deed of Integration spells out clearly the definition of 'Special Character'.

ST HILDA'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL - SPECIAL CHARACTER EXTRACT FROM THE DEED OF INTEGRATION 1979

.... 'The school has a direct affiliation with the Diocese of Dunedin (the Anglican Church) and with the strength and support of this church affiliation provides education based on the beliefs and philosophies of the Christian faith. It is the policy of the school to present a balanced education aimed at developing character and maturity in the pupils. Integral to this policy has been instruction in the Christian faith and the use of the chapel as a place of regular prayer and worship for the whole school. The special character of the school derives from its close association with the Anglican Church and a determination to provide an education for pupils which is based on the philosophy that only in the context of sound religion can knowledge be completely understood and personality fully developed. The school welcomes students of all religious denominations and regards as part of its special character the acquisition of high standards by all students. The pursuit of excellence is stressed in all fields of endeavour within the school.'

To ensure that preference of enrolment is fairly applied, I would be grateful if you would verify that this student and their family are, to the best of your knowledge, in sympathy with the special character of St Hilda's.

Please complete the following form and email it to enrolments@shcs.school.nz by the dates stated in the Timeline for Enrolment. Referees' letters for students in other year levels applying for a place at St Hilda's Collegiate School at other times should be sent at the time the application form is submitted.

Name of Student applying for enrolment: _____

Please explain how well you know this applicant, and your relationship to them:

What comments can you make about this applicant's and their family's commitment to the Special Character of St Hilda's Collegiate School:

- e.g. involvement with Church / Sunday School
- involvement with Christian / Community groups
- Family connections with a Church or Church community
- Family circumstances / family values which demonstrate a sympathy with Special Character

Do you have any other comments supporting this student's application to St Hilda's Collegiate School?

Signed _____ (Referee)

Thank you for your comments, which will be kept confidential.