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# COHORT ENTRY 2021

**We are a ‘cohort entry’ school**

From 1 January 2020, changes made to the Education Act (through the Education Amendment Act 2019) take effect so that:

* children will be able to start school in cohorts but only after they have **turned five years old**
* there will be **two entry points per term**, on the first day of term, and one at a mid- point during a term.

After careful consultation with our school community and Board of Trustees, it was agreed that we will proceed with cohort entry from January 2020, for Sancta Maria Catholic Primary School.

This means that there are **eight**​ **dates** on which new entrants are able to start school next year.

The table below outlines when new entrant students can start at the beginning and at the mid point of each term. Children need to have turned five before starting school. This table will help you find the date that will be for your child to enter school.

**Five Year Old Student Start Dates 2020**

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| **2020 Term** | **Start of Term** | **Mid Term Date** | **Year Level** |
| **Term 1** | 2 February 2021 | 15 March 2021 | Year 1 |
| **Term 2** | 3 May 2021 | 8 June 2021 | Year 0 |
| **Term 3** | 26 July 2021 | 30 August 2021 | Year 0 |
| **Term 4** | 18 October 2021 | 15 November 2021 | Year 0 |

