

Year 7 2026 Admission

Thank you for your interest in Aitken College. Applications for Year 7 2026 close on **31 May 2024**, with processes beginning in June this year. The following information will help families prepare for the process. Please mark these events in your calendar and we will be in contact closer to the date.

You've submitted an application, what now?

1. Complete Student Information Form

The Student Information Form is the first step of the process, it will be emailed to parents who have completed an application. Forms will be emailed in early June and need to be submitted by **Friday 14 June**.

2. Attend Admission Testing

As part of the enrolment process, all applicants will be required to sit an Admissions test. It is compulsory that all students attend. The test will be conducted on **Wednesday 26 June 2024** and will last for approximately 50 minutes. You will be allocated to one of the two sessions scheduled; one at 8.45am and one 10.30am.

Students will complete a general ability test to provide the College with data relating to the individual abilities of each student. The ACER General Ability Test (AGAT) is for school purposes and will not be shared with students/parents. Further details with a confirmed time of testing for each student will be provided at a later date. More information on the AGAT test can be found at <https://www.acer.org/au/agat/assessment>.

3. Provide required supporting documents

The College will require supporting documents for your application, this includes a copy of:

- Semester 2 2023 report
- Semester 1 2024 report
- Year 5 NAPLAN results (if/when available)
- Health plans, assessments and other documents

Documents need to be provided electronically to Admissions@aitkencollege.edu.au by **31 July 2024**. Please reference the student's name and ID when sending documents.

4. Attend an Admission Interview

Enrolment interviews will only be conducted on the evenings of **Monday 12 August and Tuesday 13 August 2024**. Interviews will be conducted at the College and will take approximately 20 minutes. This is an opportunity for the College to meet and get to know families. A confirmed interview time will be sent to parents via email closer to the date.

5. Enrolment application outcomes

Upon the conclusion of interviews, enrolment application outcomes will be communicated to families by **Friday 20 September 2024**.

Successful applicants will receive an Enrolment Offer, which will need to be completed and returned by the due date therein. Unsuccessful applications will also receive communication with the option to remain on the waitlist.

Important note for families:

This correspondence has also been sent to the email address provided on your child's enrolment application. If you did not receive this email, it is imperative that you contact the College via email to confirm your details are correct. Please add admissions@aitkencollege.edu.au to your "safe senders" list to ensure our communications reach your family. Communications will be primarily via email and the College will not be responsible for missed emails.

Dates to note:

- Complete Student Information form online by 14 June 2024 (link will be provided early June).
- Attend Admission testing day on **26 June 2024**.
- Provide supporting documents by **31 July 2024**.
- Attend Admission interview on **12 or 13 August 2024**.
- Outcomes will be confirmed on **20 September 2024**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email admissions@aitkencollege.edu.au.

Frequently asked questions

What is the AGAT and is completing the test mandatory?

The ACER AGAT (Australian General Achievement Test) is a standardised assessment used to evaluate students' skills and knowledge across subjects like mathematics, English, science, and humanities. It includes multiple-choice, short-answer, and extended-response questions, measuring critical thinking, problem-solving, and comprehension. More information can be found at <https://www.acer.org/au/agat/assessment>.

The test is mandatory; however, selection will not be based on results alone. If you are not able to attend on the scheduled test date, please inform our office as soon as possible and your child's name will be placed on a list for a potential make-up day.

Where will the test be conducted?

The test will be conducted on site at Aitken College.

Do we need to bring a device for the test?

No. The College will have the test set up in computer labs.

How long does the test take?

The test takes approximately 50 minutes.

How do we prepare for the AGAT?

As this test demonstrates students' current abilities, we do not recommend using practice materials.

How many positions are available for Year 7?

There are approximately 78 positions available to fill for Year 7.

How do you prioritise applications?

Applications are prioritised based on the following factors: Siblings of students at the College, Children of Alumni, Time spent on waitlist. The AGAT gives students who have not been on the waitlist the same duration as others opportunity to demonstrate their strengths, ensuring all students are given a fair chance for admission.

Who will be interviewed?

All families who have applied to Aitken College for Year 7 will be interviewed. These will be conducted in person on August 12 and 13.

What will happen if we don't receive an offer?

Offers will be made in two stages. Students who receive a first-round offer will have until a certain date to accept. If there are still positions available after this date, we will make second-round offers. Students who do not receive an offer will be able to remain on our waitlist should something become available in future.