Greatest enrolment pressure in Years 7 and 11 in ACT

Catholic schools turn hundreds away

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Last year St Francis Xavier High School was able to take a record 122 students in its Year 11, but this year the school has had to turn away 120 students over the enrolment cap. As a result, the school is now holding a meeting with parents to discuss options for Year 11 students who were turned away.

Meanwhile, in Year 7, the school has had to turn away 100 students. This is the largest number of students turned away in Year 7 in recent years, with the school only able to take 200 students due to the limited capacity of its classrooms.

The school principal, Mr Frank McLachlan, said that the enrolment challenges were due to a combination of factors, including the high demand for places in the school and the limited capacity of its classrooms.

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"This is a difficult situation for all concerned, and we are doing everything we can to support our students and families."