



## Admissions Process FAQs

The following information serves as a helpful guide to our admissions process, and answers most of the questions you are likely to have as a prospective parent. For any additional queries, please contact the Admissions team at [admissions.singapore@dulwich.org](mailto:admissions.singapore@dulwich.org) or +65 6890 1000, and we would be delighted to help.

### What is the deadline for application?

We operate two deadlines for submission of an application:

Application Completed	Entry Term	Application Outcome Confirmation
By 31 October	January (Term 2)	November
	April (Term 3)	March
	August (Term 1)	November ( <i>early offers</i> )
By 1 March	April (Term 3)	March
	August (Term 1)	March ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> round offers</i> )

Applicants who complete their application by 31 October may receive an early offer in November, at the discretion of the College. Offers for Term 2 entry in January will also be confirmed at this time. Applicants who complete their application by 1 March, may receive an offer in March, at the discretion of the College. For the majority of applicants, the outcome of the application will be confirmed in March.

Whilst the College will endeavour to provide an application outcome to all applications completed prior to the timelines provided, the College reserves the right to withhold an outcome until any additional criteria have been satisfied.

*Please note:* An application is considered completed when the application fee has been paid, all required documentation has been uploaded, and your child has been assessed. Applications may still be submitted and completed after the deadline, and the College will endeavour to provide an outcome as soon as possible. However, it is possible that the outcome timeline as indicated above may not be met for these applications.

In March we will share one of three outcomes:

- The offer of a place;
- Confirmation that your application has been successful but due to lack of guaranteed availability at the current time it has been rolled over to the applicant pool in the next academic year. These applicants will receive an offer as and when places become available in the meantime;

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- Confirmation that an application has been unsuccessful. Unsuccessful applicants may reapply the following year;

### How soon can I apply?

We accept applications up to 18 months prior to the preferred term of entry.

### Do you recommend submitting our application early?

Yes. We highly recommend submitting your application as early as possible. This will provide a greater chance that the Admissions team can arrange the assessment in time for your application to be completed by the application deadline of 31 October. This in turn increases the opportunity of receiving an early offer in November. However, please note that an early offer cannot be guaranteed.

### What is your timeline for offers?

Applicants who complete their application by 31 October may receive an early offer in November (by the end of November), at the discretion of the College. Offers for Term 2 entry in January will also be confirmed at this time. Applicants who complete their application by 1 March, may receive an offer in March (by the end of March), at the discretion of the College. For the majority of applicants, the outcome of the application will be confirmed in March.

Please note that the College may withhold an outcome if it is deemed that further information is required.

### What is a Complete Application?

An application is considered completed when the application fee has been paid, all required documentation has been uploaded, and your child has been assessed.

### Does Dulwich College (Singapore) have a waitlist?

The College does not operate a waitlist. Every applicant is given equal opportunity to secure a place during each admissions cycle based on the strength of their application, provided they meet our application deadlines.

There will be a number of applicants who meet our level for academic selection but who do not receive an offer in March due to lack of availability. In this instance, the applicant will be informed and rolled over for admission in the following academic year. We do on occasion receive last-minute withdrawals prior to the start of each term, and in this instance a rolled over applicant may receive a late offer outside of the November and March offer timeframes.

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### **How long will my application remain in the applicant pool?**

Applicants may be rolled over for a maximum of one year. All applicants who are rolled over will be asked to update their application with their most recent school reports and a new 2-minute video in order to continue to be considered for entry. If a place is not offered by the end of the second academic year, then applicants will be asked to reapply, which will involve payment of the SGD \$1500 Application Fee and a reassessment.

### **If I don't receive an outcome to my application in November, does it mean that I have less chance of securing an offer?**

We are only able to provide a certain number of early offers in November. By March we have a better idea of place availability for the forthcoming academic year, and at that point we are in a position to make the majority of our offers. If you do not receive an early offer in November, this does not mean that you have less chance of securing a place.

### **I need to pay fees at my child's current school, but I am still waiting to find out whether my child has secured a place at DCSG / I can't wait until after your application deadline in order to find out whether or not my child has secured a place. Can you offer any flexibility on this?**

In recognition of the unique needs of individual families, we are able to accept and process applications submitted outside of our application timelines, especially for in-year transfers. Such applications are accepted on a case-by-case basis and subject to the availability of places. Please notify the Admissions Officer who has been supporting you in your application and we will do our best to accommodate specific requests.

### **Once placed in an applicant pool, will my child need reassessment at any stage?**

In the event that your child remains in the applicant pool after the initial year of application, they will not require a reassessment. However, we do require updated school reports and video. The only exception to this is if your child is applying for a place in Year 3 and has not yet sat the standardised online test, in which case your Admissions Officer will be in touch to arrange a date for assessment.

If your application has remained in the applicant pool for up to two years, then we will ask you to submit a new application, including payment of the \$1000 non-refundable Application Fee.

### **Can I defer entry?**

You may defer entry for a maximum of one year. If the deferral extends beyond one year you will need to resubmit a new application, including payment of the Application Fee and reassessment, in order to continue to be considered for entry.

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## How do you assess the strength of an application?

We seek to admit students who will thrive in all areas of College life. In addition to meeting our academic selection criteria according to year group of entry, we also look for the following:

- A student's ability to demonstrate their enthusiasm to contribute to the Dulwich community, including full involvement in the academic and co-curricular opportunities available to them.
- An applicant must speak and understand English sufficiently to be able to fully access the curriculum.
- All applicants must have at least one parent who is a fluent or native English language speaker, to facilitate effective communication between the College and home.
- All students enrolled at Dulwich College (Singapore) must be residing full-time with a parent or legal guardian who has been pre-approved by the College. The only exception to this is students in Year 12 or Year 13 who are residing at our approved boarding facility and have a guardian appointed through this process.

## How do you prioritise applications in the applicant pool?

Provided application deadlines are met, all applicants have equal opportunity to secure a place based on the strength of their application as listed above, irrespective of how long they have been in the applicant pool. Therefore, if an application is rolled over into the applicant pool for the next academic year, the application will be assessed alongside the strength of any subsequent applications received. To the best of our ability, we look to find a place for all students in the applicant pool who have met our criteria for entry.

Further information regarding the prioritisation of places within the applicant pool can be found in the Admissions Policy on our [website](#).

## How do I guarantee an offer in November following a successful application?

If we are unable to provide an offer in November, but you are keen to secure a guaranteed place for a mid-year or August start, then you may wish to explore the Guaranteed Placement Right route. Please see below for more details regarding the purchase of a GPR.

## What is a Guaranteed Placement Right?

Dulwich College (Singapore) offers a limited number of Guaranteed Placement Rights (GPR) each year. Each GPR entitles the holder to nominate one child for entry prioritisation in any year group and at any time in the academic year for which an offer of a place is made, in exchange for a financial contribution to the College. The financial contributions received from the Guaranteed Placement Rights scheme directly contribute to the funding of the Alleynian Scholarship Programme.

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For more information please click the following link: [Guaranteed Placement Rights](#).

### **Do you accept applicants after the start of the IGCSE or IB programme?**

We do accept applicants after the start of the IGCSE programme, for example into Years 10 or 11, on a case-by-case basis. We recommend you reach out to your Admissions Officer prior to submitting an application, to talk through your child's academic profile, confirm the curriculum they are currently studying in and their subject choices. Your Admissions Officer will then be able to advise whether or not we can accept your application.

We generally accept applications into the IB programme no more than 8 weeks after the course has started.

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