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SCHOOL DEALS GO ONLINE: The Scots School enrolments and promotions officer Lynda Ireland checking out the online discounts now on offer for vacant places at the school through the School Places website. Photo: PHILL MURRAY 072914pscots

THE Scots School Bathurst is one of two Central West private schools to this week launch last-minute student vacancies and enrolment discounts of up to 40 per cent. [See your ad here](#)

You may have heard of last-minute discounted flights and hotels, but now last-minute student vacancies are being offered through the School Places website.

The website offers parents an online marketplace for unfilled private school places from kindergarten to Year 12.

Scots enrolments and promotions officer Lynda Ireland said while most vacancies were filled at the start of the year, places come up for various reasons throughout the year.

“People might move out of town to take on new jobs or perhaps a year can be slower than others for no real reason ... students can also change schools within the local area,” Ms Ireland said.

“Being a small school we can accommodate children very well throughout the year.”

When the site launched, there were 12 vacancies at The Scots School, among them two places for Year 10 students – one as day student and one for a boarder.

Each offered a two-year discount.

The Year 10 day student would receive a 30 per cent discount, representing a saving of \$5020 each year, while the boarding student would receive a 10 per cent discount on boarding and tuition – equating to a \$3454 saving annually.

Along with The Scots School in Bathurst and [See your ad here](#) Macquarie Anglican Grammar in Dubbo, a further 29 schools are on the School Places website, with more to be included after the September school holidays.

Mrs Ireland said there was a benefit to having no vacant places in that there was added income to contribute to the school.

“A student paying a 70 per cent fee is better than having a vacancy and not having any fees coming in,” she said.

Mrs Ireland said it was a “first come, best dressed” basis for these school vacancies, and expects the discounted places to be quickly snapped up.

Vacancies and discount rates will change over time due to availability, and Mrs Ireland suggested people register online or contact the school for more information.