

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Enrolment Policy



RATIONALE

Catholic schools exist to further the mission of the Church. In Western Australia, the Mandate of the Bishop requires the Catholic Education Commission of WA to make Catholic school education available to all Catholic children, insofar as this is possible.

PRINCIPLES

1. Catholic schools recognise the uniqueness of each student.
2. Catholic schools have a preferential option for the poor and marginalised.
3. Catholic schools fulfil their mission in partnership with parents who are the first educators of their children.
4. Catholic schools have a responsibility to fulfil the requirements of relevant Federal, State and Local Government laws and regulations.
5. Catholic schools shall accept all applications for enrolment.
6. The acceptance of an application form does not guarantee an enrolment interview or offer of enrolment.
7. Enrolment in a Catholic school shall only be offered, where the school has age-appropriate accommodation and the requisite resources to respond to any specific needs of the student.
8. Enrolment in a Catholic school does not guarantee enrolment in any other Catholic school.

ENROLMENT POLICY

Enrolments are dependent on the following conditions:

- All Catholic children will be accepted at the school provided space is available and where special needs can be accommodated.
- Catholic parents must do what they possibly can, to be an example of faith and love to their children and uphold, within the home, the values promoted at school. This is necessary to avoid conflict between values of the home and of the school.
- Children other than Catholic will be accepted at St Patrick's **if there is a vacancy**.
- The Catholic/Non-Catholic "Enrolment Percentage Parameters" approved by the Bishops of Western Australia is to be referred to when enrolling students.

The enrolment policy shall provide for the following enrolment priority:

PRIMARY

- a) Catholic students from the Parish with a Parish Priest reference
 - b) Catholic students from outside the Parish with a Parish Priest reference
 - c) Siblings of non-Catholic students with a Parish Priest reference
 - d) Non-Catholic students from other Christian denominations with a Parish Priest reference
 - e) Other non-Catholic students with a Parish Priest reference
- Parents of non-Catholic children must have, and support, the Christian values promoted by the school. All children will participate in the religious education programmes of the school.
 - Once admitted, these children will not lose their positions as a result of not being Catholic.
 - Inability to pay school fees will not be an impediment to enrolling Catholic children, however, parents will be asked to pay what they can genuinely afford, following the steps of the fee policy.
 - The principal, having notified the School Board, retains the right to waive the fee for those Catholic parents in need.

PROCEDURE FOR ENROLMENT

1. Fill out an “Application for Enrolment” form and submit to the School Secretary. Copies of Birth Certificates, Immunisation records and Baptism certificates are to accompany the Application for Enrolment form. Parents or Guardians, (both Catholic and non-Catholic) are requested to make contact with the Parish Priest for an Interview and reference.
2. An interview time will be arranged, and parents and their children will be interviewed. During the interview, the schedule of fees and conditions will be discussed.
3. A letter of acceptance or refusal will then be written to the parents.

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