ENROLMENT POLICY FOR ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Introduction
We at St Joseph’s School create community through sharing of faith, living out Gospel values and accepting change as part of renewal.

Within our Catholic community, we work together in partnership with parents to encourage all members to develop their individual gifts, to deepen their personal spirituality and to recognise and celebrate the giftedness of others.

Mission Statement

"St Joseph’s School offers a holistic education within a Catholic ethos whilst developing and valuing the uniqueness of the individual as we encourage each student to become a life long learner."

Rationale

The St Joseph's School Enrolment Policy is designed to reflect and reinforce the values and principles espoused by the School Mission Statement.

Principles, Values and Understandings

The Enrolment Policy gives expression to the following values which are inherent in the creation of a Catholic School community: community, faith, justice, respect, acceptance, compassion, commitment, hope, participation, openness, inclusivity and nurturing of Catholic faith and spirituality.

Policy

Enrolment application will be open to all students whose parents/guardians actively support the Catholic ethos of the school as set out in its Mission Statement.

The Principal will give due consideration when enrolling students that the Catholic ethos of a Catholic School be preserved.

Conditions

Noting that each application will be considered on an individual basis, the Principal will give due consideration to the following points when considering enrolment applications.

When the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available in each of the Enrolment Options, selection will be made by giving consideration to the following:

- Children of Catholic parents active within the St Joseph’s Parish or other Parishes
- Brothers and/or sisters currently attending St Joseph's School.
- Catholic children transferring from other Catholic Schools.
- Children whose families have an historical connection with St Joseph’s School
• Children whose parents have a strong commitment to a Christian education for their children

Financial

Families are expected to pay school fees in accordance with the current fee schedule. However as a Catholic School should reflect the option of Christ for the poor, every attempt will be made to cater for the neediest members of our community.

Each application for enrolment will be considered individually and reviewed annually. Where genuine need is found to exist, parents are asked to pay what they can afford after consultation with the Principal and/or the Parish Priest.

Special Needs Enrolment

Parents of students with special needs; educational; physical or emotional are to provide all the necessary background information on the child. The Principal will use the Enrolment Support Process of the Toowoomba Catholic Education Guidelines, Enrolment and Support Procedures for students with special needs if the school can cater for the: educational needs of the applicant. Parents will be both informed and actively involved in this process.

Procedures

1. Prospective parents and students will be provided with information via the School Prospectus and/or website www.stjosephs.qld.edu.au
2. Students will be interviewed with their parents on a one-to-one basis before attending the School, except in the case of mature age students.
3. All parents will be informed if their application has been successful or not.
4. The School may request a deposit as a conformation of enrolment
5. Transferees into Stanthorpe will be enrolled if:
   a. Places are available and
   b. They satisfy this policy's guidelines.
6. The School will provide enrolment information for each year of entry into Prep/Years 1, 8 and 11

A transition program for students entering the school will be organized.

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