



ENROLMENT POLICY

[As of January 2012]

POLICY

Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School has been established to support families who wish to actively develop their faith within a Catholic Christian Community.

The school's primary aim is to provide a Catholic education for the children of Catholic families who are involved in the practice of their faith. While priority for enrolments is given to these families, consideration is given to the enrolment of Catholic children and children [henceforth called "students"] from families of other faith traditions who support the values and practices of the Catholic Church and Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School.

Rationale:

Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School has been established to provide a quality, inclusive Catholic education for students whose parents support the beliefs, values and expectations within a Catholic Christian community.

Underlying Values which particularly relate to this policy:

The enrolment process at Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School will:

- Be honest and transparent
- Reflect a social justice perspective
- Strive to ensure we are enrolling families who support our values
- Have a spiritual dimension which demonstrates care, compassion and inclusion

Outcomes of this Policy

- At Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School there are clear, objective procedures for processing enrolment applications
- Catholic families are given priority in the enrolment process while offers of enrolment may be made to families of other faiths, who support Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School values
- Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School families will have an understanding of the Statement of Values which underpin our philosophy
- Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School strives to be an inclusive community based on a social justice perspective.

GUIDELINES

Statement of Criteria for Enrolment

1. Students enrolling for the Preparatory Year will have turned 4 by 30 June in the year prior to commencement at Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School as is required by the Queensland Government.

2. Priority of enrolment will be decided using the following categories, in order, as guidelines:

**Within each of these categories – date of application may be taken into consideration.*

Category One: Baptised Catholic students whose families are involved in a parish community

Category Two: Siblings of students enrolled at Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Category Three: Baptised Catholic students

Category Four: Students whose families have a demonstrated commitment to another faith tradition

Category Five: Students of families from the wider community and who seek to share the values and practices of the School

Allocation of applications to the above groups will be determined by information provided on the enrolment form, and an enrolment interview.

3. All enrolments will be subject to the discretion of the Principal and her delegate.
4. Enrolment at the school will be dependent on the availability of places.
5. Students likely to require special provisions [for example special resources and/or a modified program and/or specialist teacher or teacher aide assistance] will be considered for enrolment in accord with the procedures outlined in the *Enrolment Application and Support Procedures for Students With Special Educational Needs* policy developed by Brisbane Catholic Education, a summary of which is available on request.

Failure to disclose information relevant to the learning and behavioural needs of your prospective student/s may subsequently result in termination of the enrolment.

6. The school has a commitment to considering the enrolment of students with particular pastoral and social needs.

Agreement of Enrolment

1. *Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School operates from a Christian philosophy within the Catholic Church tradition. All students are required to support the ethos, mission and values of the school, and to participate in the Religious Education and other related programs of the school, including attendance at liturgical experiences, school celebrations, and excursions, that may be organised from time to time.*
2. *Students enrolled accept the rules of the school and parents / caregivers cooperate with school staff in implementing the Student Behaviour Support Policy.*
3. *Parents / Caregivers agree to support the ethos of the school and participate with the school in the faith development of students.*
4. *Parents/Caregivers undertake to support the work of the school by volunteering for some active support throughout the school year.*
5. *Parents/Caregivers undertake to meet financial responsibilities by paying fees and levies by the due date.*