



## Enrolment Policy

We welcome students whose family demonstrate that they share the expressed values of the College and who are willing to support and contribute to the College's vision and ethos.

When enrolling students, priority is given to those who are baptised Catholic. Enrolment of students of other faith traditions may also be considered while ensuring the authentic Catholic identity of the College community is maintained.

### Rationale

St Benedict's College is a co-educational Catholic Secondary College administered by and operating under the policies of Brisbane Catholic Education. As we are co-located with St Benedict's Catholic Primary School there is a close association between the two educational communities. This relationship extends to include enrolment considerations for families. Offers of enrolment may be affected by a number of considerations including class sizes, curriculum and staff availability, pastoral needs of students and families, composition of classes and physical accommodation available.

### Values

Taking the Gospel as our guide, this policy is guided by principles of justice and equity that support the Catholic ethos and vision of the College. Recognising the presence of God in each of us, the College strives to be respectful of and responsive to the diverse needs of students for whom enrolment is sought.

### Commitment

St Benedict's College is committed to providing high quality contemporary education in a Christian context. The College supports and encourages all students to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens, fully enabled to contribute to the life of their faith community and society.

The College expects parents and students to:

- Share in the expressed values of the College
- Contribute positively and actively to enhance the spiritual life of the College
- Commit to and support the religious life of the College
- Participate in and contribute to the achievement of the college mission

As partners in the College's educational enterprise parents are asked to demonstrate engagement with their student's learning and show an understanding of student's strengths, weaknesses and abilities. In the case of behavioural issues or learning support, parents are asked to show active partnership in supporting the plans for students growth and development.

In support of families a concession policy will be applied in cases of demonstrated hardship.

*God in all things*

## **Enrolment Decisions**

Enrolment decisions are made by the Principal, taking into account the needs of each student, place availability and any exceptional circumstances. Where demands for enrolment exceed capacity, priority for enrolment is given to:

- Students who are baptised Catholic and who attend Catholic schools in the region
- Students who are baptised Catholic and attend other primary schools in the region
- Students from other faith traditions who demonstrate that they share the expressed values of the College and who are willing to support and contribute to the College's vision and ethos.

Favourable consideration will be given to applicants who have a sibling already attending the College. Once an interview has occurred and an offer of a place has been made, families will usually have one month to confirm their acceptance of the offer. At this stage of the enrolment process, you will be required to complete a Confirmation of Enrolment form and submit this with the non-refundable enrolment confirmation fee.

## **Enrolment Procedures**

### **When to Enrol Procedure**

Parents wishing to enrol their child at St Benedict's College will need to complete an Enrolment Application form and submit this along with the required enrolment application fee.

Enrolments are generally accepted from students in Year Four, however can be made at any time. To avoid disappointment and to ensure a place, parents are encouraged to enrol their child at least three years prior to the year of enrolment.

Families expressing an interest in enrolment earlier can have their child's name placed on a waiting list for the appropriate year of enrolment.

### **Interview Process Procedure**

Interviews are generally held in blocks of time during the year and appointments will be scheduled for a mutually convenient time. Interviews take place up to three years prior to the year of enrolment.

The interview process gathers information regarding:

- Willingness to support the values and ethos of the College
- Current levels of church attendance and participation in parish life
- Current levels of participation in school/local community activities
- Parental expectations/goals for their child
- Student's participation in current school, progress to date and other relevant data which will provide information on the student's learning needs