St Benedict’s College

Enrolment Policy

Policy
St Benedict’s college welcomes students whose family demonstrates 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 students 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, situated in Pine Rivers, is a regional Catholic Secondary College administered by and operating under the policies of Brisbane Catholic Education. As St Benedict’s College is co-located with St Benedict’s School there is a close association between the two educational communities. This relationship extends to include enrolment considerations for families. As a part of this community of schools the impact on neighbouring Catholic colleges will be taken into account when considering enrolment applications. 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 Guidelines for the Religious Life of the School
- 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 student’s learning and show understanding of students’ 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 supporting Catholic families a concession policy will be applied in cases of demonstrated hardship.

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1 Pine Rivers is defined as those communities at Mango Hill/North Lakes, Petrie and Bray Park.
Enrolment Procedures

St Benedict’s college, situated in Pine Rivers2, is a regional Catholic High School administered by Brisbane Catholic Education.

Application for enrolment into Year 8 at St Benedict’s College is accepted from students in year 6 of primary schooling. Students expressing an interest in enrolment earlier will be waitlisted for the appropriate year of enrolment.

Interview Process
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 students learning needs

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 Pine Rivers
- Students enrolled at St Benedict’s Primary School
- Students who are baptised Catholic and attending other primary schools in Pine Rivers.
- 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.

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