



St Thomas'
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
A HEART FOR MIND AND SPIRIT

ENROLMENT POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

In the spirit of service guided by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in the tradition of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Catholic schools further the mission of the Church and continue to reach out to those who are poor and marginalised. St Thomas' Catholic Primary School is committed to providing holistic education, which is responsive to each student's diverse and unique spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual and developmental needs and circumstances.

RATIONALE

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School recognises the role of parents/guardians as the primary educators of their children. Catholic schools share with pastors and parents/guardians the responsibility to nurture the development and potential of each child.

The process of enrolment is guided by principles of justice, equity and inclusivity that support Catholic ethos and vision.

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School gives priority to consideration for enrolment to students who are baptised Catholics. Where possible we fulfil our evangelical mission by also enrolling students from other faith traditions whose families demonstrate that they share in the expressed values of our school. In such instances, St. Thomas' Catholic Primary School embraces church teachings regarding respect for the faith journey of individuals, within the religious dimension of school life.

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School warmly welcomes families who are seeking to form a partnership with us in order to provide their children with a Catholic Education.

POLICY

Our parish whilst defined by geographic boundaries, extends to include those families who regularly worship as a part of St Thomas' Catholic Primary School parish community.

Enrolment priority will be given as follows:

- Siblings of children currently enrolled in the school whose families are participants in St Thomas' Catholic Primary School parish community;
- Baptised Catholic children whose families are participants in the St Thomas' Catholic Primary School parish community;
- Baptised Catholic children residing within the parish boundaries;
- Baptised Catholic children residing outside of the parish boundaries; and
- Non-Catholic families seeking a faith-based education for their children

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School follows the principles outlined in the [Catholic Education Commission Student Enrolment Policy](#).

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School follows Brisbane Catholic Education's Enrolment Application and Support Procedures (EASP) when enrolling students requiring significant educational adjustments.

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School is co-educational through to Year Six and all students are encouraged to complete their primary schooling as part of our school community.

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School expects that all children enrolled participate according to individual ability and capacity, in all aspects of the school's curriculum. It is also our expectation that all families enrolled agree to work with the school and to support our community values, beliefs and traditions.

POLICY RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at St Thomas' Catholic Primary School is the responsibility of the Principal, in collaboration with the Parish Priest.

LAST REVIEWED

June 2019

NEXT REVIEW DUE

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