

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. Catholic schools are committed to providing holistic education, which is responsive to each student's diverse and unique spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual and developmental needs and circumstances.

Catholic schools recognise 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.

Acknowledging this, while Catholic schools in the Archdiocese give 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' embraces church teachings regarding respect for the faith journey of individuals, within the religious dimension of school life.

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

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

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

Enrolment priority will be given as follows:

- Siblings of children enrolled in the school whose families are participants in St Thomas' parish community;
- Baptised Catholic children whose families are participants in St Thomas' 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' School follows the procedures outlined in the Brisbane Catholic Education documents - **Enrolment of students in Catholic School Policy** and the **Enrolment Application and Support Procedures for Students with Special Educational Needs**.

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

It is our expectation 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' School is always at the discretion of the Principal, in collaboration with the Parish Priest.

LAST REVIEWED

June 2016.

NEXT REVIEW DUE

June 2017.