



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

## St Thomas' Catholic Primary School Enrolment Policy

### VISION & MISSION

At St Thomas' Catholic Primary School, we follow in the tradition of the Sisters of Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict & in doing so we strive to be a community of Faith, Justice, Compassion and Learning.

### 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 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 Catholic. As a wholistic catholic community, we warmly welcome all families from the local area 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.

In some years, when applications exceed available spaces, the following enrolment priority is applied:

- 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 in the local area;
- Other Baptised Catholic children;
- Non-Catholic families seeking a faith-based education for their children.

The Principal may exercise discretion regarding any application and may determine a child's eligibility beyond the stated guidelines.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**

Feb 2024

## **NEXT REVIEW DUE**

Feb 2025

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