



Enrolment Policy

Holy Rosary Catholic School is a community where all are welcomed with reverence and educated in love in the spirit of the Presentation Sisters.

Rationale

The Catholic Church establishes schools because it 'has in a special way the duty and right of educating, for it has a divine mission of helping all to arrive at the fullness of Christian life.' (Can.794#1)

Holy Rosary School aims to provide Catholic schooling to all those seeking Catholic education for their children and who are willing to support the values and purposes of Catholic education.

'The Catholic School has an ecclesial identity, because it is part of the evangelising mission of the Church. Yet a distinguishing feature of Catholic Education is that it is open to all, especially to the poor and weakest in society.' (Ecclesia in Oceania 2001 n33).

Holy Rosary School participates in the evangelising mission of the Church and is the privileged environment in which Christian education is carried out. In this way Catholic schools are at once places of evangelisation, of complete formation, of inculturation, of apprenticeship in the lively dialogue between young people of different religions and social backgrounds. The ecclesial nature of the Catholic school, therefore, is written in the very heart of its identity as 'a teaching institution'. (The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium 1997 n19).

Catholic education is intrinsic to the mission of the Church. It is one means by which the Church fulfils its role in assisting people to discover and embrace the fullness of life in Christ. The first priority of a Catholic school is the provision of a Catholic education for Catholic children.

This Policy is written with respect to the Policy Guidelines of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria. The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria encourages all Catholic parents to seek a place in a Catholic School for their children. In accordance with their duty to do so, Holy Rosary Primary School is particularly concerned with providing Catholic education to those whose material and spiritual needs are the greatest.

Aim

At Holy Rosary School we:

- strive to be a school that is authentically Catholic and faithful to the mission of the Church (SSEB Enrolment Policy & Guidelines, 2013).
- commit to implementing an efficient process of enrolment which complies with Catholic Education Policies and Government (VRQA) legislation.

Implementation

- Students with Disabilities and Impairments will be enrolled along with all other eligible children. The enrolment of students with special needs should be considered in the light of the relevant laws and the policies, guidelines and protocols of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and the S.S.E.B.

- The enrolment of any student must be entered into with the due regard to the capacity of the school to meet their physical, intellectual and emotional needs.
- Children must be legally admitted to school if their fifth birthday is before April 30th.
- The enrolment policy for Holy Rosary Primary School in regard to class sizes will be strictly in accordance with that which has been agreed to by the parties to the current Industrial Agreement.
- All families of children enrolled at Holy Rosary will adhere to:
 - The Vision and Mission of the school
 - All school policy documents in conjunction with Catholic Education Commission of Victoria, and Catholic Education Sandhurst policies.
- Holy Rosary is a Catholic School and priority is given to Catholic children in enrolment.
- Enrolment of non-Catholic children may take place only when their enrolment would not exclude Catholic children from the school.
- Students of other faiths or of no apparent faith may be enrolled at Holy Rosary on condition that the parents of such students applying for enrolment are aware of the Catholicity and ethos of the school and undertake that the nature, life and identity of the school will be respected, and that the student will participate fully in all aspects of Religious Education and faith programs presented by the school.
- Siblings of enrolled non-catholic students will have priority of entry after all catholic students seeking entry are enrolled.
- In regards to those families where there are financial difficulties, discussion will take place with the Parish Priest and Principal regarding enrolment in line with the current Sandhurst Schools Education Board Guidelines Policy.
- Children wishing to transfer from local Primary Schools will be at the discretion of the Principal and on a case-by-case basis

Evaluation :

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.