

ENROLMENT POLICY

POLICY CONTEXT:

St Brendan's is a Catholic day and boarding College for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition. The College is open to all who share the values of Edmund Rice Education Australia. St Brendan's College strives to create a community where members can all feel loved, heard and respected, and in which all are encouraged to live justly and with compassion for others. We seek to be fair and open in the process of selection for prospective students.

OBLIGATIONS:

Edmund Rice Education Australia has a Regional Directorate which governs and informs the St Brendan's Enrolment Policy.

POLICY PRINCIPLES:

Enrolment procedures at St Brendan's will accord with the following principles:

1. Catholic schools are called to contribute to the evangelising mission of the Church. *"In the certainty that the Spirit is at work in every person, the Catholic school offers itself to all, Christians and non-Christians alike."* (The Catholic School, Rome, 1977 #85)
2. All people are valued for their uniqueness and their dignity as children of God.
3. Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) Schools are called to be inclusive, forming communities that are accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationships and committed to the common good. (EREA Charter 2012)
4. Catholic Schools in the Edmund Rice Tradition:
 - a. demonstrate a preferential option for the poor by standing in solidarity with those who are powerless and marginalised;
 - b. encourage active participation and engagement with Indigenous people within the school community;
 - c. are responsive to the economic situation of each of its families and provide school programs which empower all to participate with dignity and confidence;
 - d. promote social inclusion and view diversity as beneficial to a liberating education; and
 - e. ensure students with special needs occupy a valued place in the community.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. Enrolment Procedures and Guidelines will be developed periodically by the College Leadership Team (Principal) and adopted by the College Board following appropriate consultation with the College community.
2. All enrolment applications will be fairly and thoroughly assessed based on the comprehensive enrolment application procedures of St Brendan's College.
3. There is no guarantee of the offer of a place at the College and the final decision rests with the Principal.



POLICY SCOPE & IMPLEMENTATION:

This policy applies to all prospective and current College students and their parents:

1. Staff will:
 - a. Ensure they understand the College Enrolment Policy;
 - b. Ensure all prospective families are guided through the current guidelines;
 - c. Be fair and open in the process of selection for prospective students.
2. In return for the educational service provided at the College, students will:
 - a. Support the educational program, including participation in overnight and other excursions, sports days and special feast days;
 - b. Abide by the College rules;
 - c. Wear the College Uniform correctly.
3. In return for the educational service provided at the College, Parents/Caregivers will:
 - a. Support the Catholic Ethos of the College;
 - b. Communicate openly with the Principal and Staff of the College;
 - c. Support the educational program, including participation in overnight and other excursions, sports days and special feast days, including timely return of necessary permission documentation;
 - d. Pay fees and levies promptly in accordance with the terms advised annually. Anyone who leaves the College prior to the end of a term, is liable for the fees for that term;
 - e. Contact the Principal as soon as it becomes obvious that they may not be able to pay all Fees and Levies, or if they believe they cannot keep any part of this Agreement;
 - f. Contact the Principal if they are considering transferring their son to another school;
 - g. Disclose any Parenting Agreement/Orders at the time of application;
 - h. Disclose any special needs or disabilities that may affect the student's learning at the time of the application. The College can then take steps to assist the student. Where this disclosure does not take place, the College makes no undertaking to provide for a student's special needs.
4. The College Board will:
 - a. Participate in the development, implementation and review of this policy.

Signed:



Board Chair

Date: 2nd May, 2017



Principal