



Policy Statement

St Teresa's Catholic College Noosaville is a co-educational school in which Catholic values and attitudes are lived, promoted and held in high regard. The College holds a deep commitment to learning and teaching, faith and wellbeing. As an authentic learning community this is lived out through a model of *Head, Heart and Hands*.

St Teresa's Catholic College is administered by Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) whose Policy Statement (July 2012) for Enrolment of Students in Catholic Schools is as follows:

"When enrolling students schools give priority to those who are baptised Catholic or, if enrolling in an ecumenical school, baptised in the faith of sponsoring churches. Schools may also enrol students from other faith traditions whose families demonstrate that they share the expressed values of the school and who are willing to support and contribute to the school's vision and ethos..."

...The process of enrolment is to be guided by principles of justice and equity that support Catholic ethos and vision".

Rationale

An enrolment policy exists to assist in developing expectations at the point of inquiry and entry. Guiding principles are set to assist the Principal with demands placed on places available in the school. The following Brisbane Catholic Education policies, regulations and guidelines are followed at a school level and can be viewed on the Brisbane Catholic Education website: www.bne.catholic.edu.au.

The College leverages off a partnership with families, with this in mind, families seeking enrolment are expected to express and commit that they share the values of the College and are willing actively support and contribute to the College's mission, vision, ethos and charism.

Guidelines

Enrolment at the College is at the discretion of the Principal.

Priority for an enrolment is given in the following order:

1. Baptised Catholic sibling of a student currently/prevously enrolled at the College.
2. Baptised Catholic students currently attending a Catholic school.
3. Sibling of an existing student.
4. Baptised Catholic students currently attending a non-Catholic school.
5. Students (non-baptised) attending Catholic schools.
6. Other applicants.

When the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, the following factors are considered:

- Church/faith commitment (you are invited to make a statement on the applicant's and family's Church/faith commitment) – this also applies to members of a non-Catholic faith community.

- Previous commitment to Catholic primary / secondary schooling.
- Proximity to the College and / or ease of access to alternative Catholic secondary schooling.
- Parental expectations.
- Student's attitude to learning and his / her academic progress to date.
- Other relevant factors.

Students likely to require special provisions (e.g., special resources and / or a modified program and / or teacher aide support) will be considered in accordance with the BCE "Enrolment Application Support Procedures for students with Special Educational Needs".

Disclosure

All relevant information about the student (including health, church sacraments, educational background and learning profile) has been declared.

The Parents/Guardians have fully and accurately disclosed any information required by the College for its consideration in determining the enrolment of the child.

Fees: When parents apply for enrolment of children for whom they have not paid school fees at a previous Brisbane Catholic Education school, the enrolment should not be confirmed until the debt is paid or waived on the previous Principal's advice. Arrangements for payment for future fees must then be put in place before proceeding with the enrolment (722.3 School Fees Collection – BCE Fees Collection Guidelines).