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Enrolment Policy

Introduction

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. Catholic schools offer a broad, comprehensive curriculum imbued with an authentic Catholic understanding of Christ and his teaching, as well as a lived appreciation of membership of the Catholic Church.

Parents and guardians, as the first educators of their children, enter into a partnership with St. Francis of the Fields Primary School to promote and support their child's education. Parents and guardians must assume a responsibility for maintaining this partnership by supporting the school in furthering the spiritual and academic life of their children.

In order for a student to be considered for a place at our school an Application for Enrolment must first be submitted by the Parent/Guardian of the child to St. Francis of the Fields School. The information required in respect to this application includes:

- Names and addresses of the child and parents/guardians; telephone numbers (home, work, mobile) of parents/guardians;
- The date of birth of the child (including the provision of a birth certificate);
- The Immunisation history of the Child (to meet the requirements of the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA));
- The Religious denomination of the Student and Parent/s including whether the Student has been baptised Catholic;
- Name of Kindergarten

Enrolment Criteria

Taking into account the capacity of St. Francis of the Fields to accept students and following the provision of an application our school shall consider the application in line with the following order of priority:

Foundation (Prep) Enrolments

1. Sibling of existing students.
2. Baptised Catholic living within Kennington Parish.
3. Baptised Catholic living outside Kennington Parish.
4. Child who attended Assisi Kindergarten
5. Child of a parent teacher at St. Francis of the Fields.
6. Unbaptised Child of a Catholic parent
7. Child of other Christian denominations.
8. Child of other faith traditions.
9. Child of no faith tradition.

Year 1 – 6 Enrolments

1. Sibling of existing students.
2. Baptised Catholic living within Kennington Parish.
3. Baptised Catholic from Catholic schools moving into Kennington Parish.
4. Baptised Catholic from Catholic schools living outside Kennington Parish.
5. Child of a parent teacher at St. Francis of the Fields.
6. Unbaptised Child of a Catholic parent
7. Child of other Christian denominations.
8. Child of other faith traditions.
9. Child of no faith traditions.

The School shall notify the parents/guardians as to whether the application for Enrolment has been accepted or declined. For those children whose application has been accepted the School shall provide the Enrolment Terms and Conditions to the parents/guardians and a request for further information to facilitate completion of enrolment.

Appendix 1: Guide lines to religious denominations for enrolment.

Catholic Rites

- Latin (Western)
- Syro-Malabar
- Melchite
- Maronite
- Chaldean
- Armenian
- Greek, Ukraine & Russian Catholics

Christian Denominations include:

- Anglican
- Uniting
- Lutheran
- Baptist
- Presbyterian
- Evangelical Christians
- Quakers
- Other Christian churches

Other Faith Tradition include:

- Buddhism
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Sikh
- Baha'í
- Shintuism
- Other Faith Traditions