Enrolment

Policy statement

1. The Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta provides Catholic education as a significant work of the Church. Students are enrolled to receive a Catholic education.

2. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) schools recognise that parents, as first educators of their childreni, need to "choose the school best suited to [their] educational purpose".ii

3. CEDP schools welcome a diverse range of students who seek enrolment in our schools.

4. CEDP schools balance the following needs when prioritising enrolments:
   - preferencing Catholic children from local parishes and siblings of current students
   - supporting those who are poor, marginalised and in most need
   - accepting enrolments of children from non-Catholic families where places are available.iii

5. No student is declined enrolment because of a parent’s genuine inability to pay school fees.

Context

CEDP schools exist to provide quality Catholic schooling. They are places of “integral formation” “through a living encounter with a cultural inheritance” founded on the teachings of Christ.iv

Scope and application

This Policy applies to enrolment in all CEDP schools.

Related documents

Enrolment policy framework

- Enrolment - Statement
- Enrolment - Procedures
  - Enrolment – Guidelines
    - Enrolment Application
      - Letter of Offer
  - Enrolment Visa and Overseas Students – Guidelines
- Enrolment Additional Needs – Procedures
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Relevant documents

- Vatican Council II, Gravissimum Educationis, 28 October 1965
- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 4 November 2003
- The Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, The Catholic School, Vatican, 19 March 1977
- Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of NSW and ACT, Catholic Schools at a Crossroads, 8 August 2007

i Gravissimum Educationis, 3; Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1653
ii The Catholic School, paragraph 14
iii Catholic Schools at a Crossroads, page 10
iv The Catholic School, paragraph 26