



ENROLMENT POLICY

RATIONALE

St Mary's College values the tradition of the Christian Brothers and their founder Edmund Rice. The College provides an opportunity to obtain a quality boys education while celebrating the Catholic faith and tradition.

The community is committed to developing a welcoming spirit through which all community members are encouraged and challenged to develop as children of God. The college reaches out to students of diverse backgrounds.

As a community, we are challenged to live authentically with our commitment to *"act justly, to love tenderly and walk humbly with our God"*. We reach out to everyone, especially those who need us most, keeping alive the spirit of Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers.

POLICY STATEMENT

As a Catholic School, St Mary's College is a community of faith where the development of the whole person is the primary focus.

Application for enrolment is invited from those who identify with the aims of St Mary's College Mission Statement.

When seeking enrolment parents and students are informed of the formal Religious Education and Liturgical Programmes which are part of the College life. The College expects students to take part in such programmes while recognising that there are different religious beliefs and traditions.

College policies as outlined in the enrolment package and available on-line (www.stmaryscollege.com), will be communicated to parents and students. It is an expectation that student will adhere to these policies.

CONSEQUENCES

The Principal assesses applications for enrolment and may consult with the College Board on enrolment decisions. Criteria that impact upon the acceptance of enrolments could include:

- Practicing Catholic families
- Catholic students already attending Catholic schools
- Students whose brothers already attend, or have previously attended, the College
- Catholic students attending non-Catholic schools
- Students whose families have an historic connection with the College
- Students whose parents have a strong commitment to a Christian Education for their sons
- Date of application
- The special needs of every child will be considered as an element of the enrolment process. However it may not be possible to accept applicants due to limited resources.
- No student will be excluded from enrolling at St Mary's College based on an inability to pay fees.

Principal Signature _____ Chairperson Signature _____

Date Policy approved by College Board: _____ Date for next review: _____