

**ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
212 BORONIA ROAD, BORONIA. 3155**

ENROLMENT POLICY

This policy is designed within the spirit of the Guidelines of The Archdiocese of Melbourne Enrollment Policy for Catholic Schools - August 1990 and C.E.C.V, IEU VicTas, and V.C.S.A. policies especially in regard to starting age, class size and the percentage of non-catholic children deemed appropriate.

At St. Joseph's consideration for enrollment is given to :

- ⇒ Baptised Catholic children who are parishioners. A child's family is regarded as a parishioner if they live within our parish boundaries, or if living outside the boundaries they intentionally identify with St. Joseph's community.
- ⇒ The siblings of students enrolled at St. Joseph's or if children were previously enrolled, but have now proceeded beyond Grade 6.
- ⇒ Children who are members of non-catholic Oriental Churches, because of the special relationship the Catholic Church has with these Churches, due to their history and tradition.
- ⇒ Non-Catholic children who are transferring from another Catholic school, and whose family is now living within the parish boundaries.
- ⇒ Non-Catholic children who reside in our parish, or if living outside boundaries they intentionally identify with parish, where the family feels that St. Joseph's can provide something that is not offered elsewhere, and where there is tangible evidence of the family's desire to be part of our community. This will of necessity involve a process of discussion different from the norm.

In order to maintain the Catholic ethos of catholic schools, the intake of students who are non-Catholic should not exceed 7%. This is in line with Archdiocese guidelines.

It should be noted that eligibility to enrol does not confer automatic acceptance of the enrollment.

Our Parish School has a responsibility to work to provide the physical facilities necessary for the enrollment.

Where facilities and/or ceilings on numbers do not allow for enrollment to take place immediately, waiting lists will be utilised. Applicants will be accepted according to the order of receipt.

Children who are baptised Catholic, have siblings who have been enrolled, or who are transferring from other Catholic schools will have priority on our waiting list.

Enrolment in our Catholic Primary School does not guarantee a place in a Catholic Secondary College.