



# St Finbarr's Parish School

## Enrolment Policy

### Rationale

The aim of St Finbarr's Parish School is to create a community of faith in which the total development of the whole person is the focus. St Finbarr's Parish School works in partnership with parents and is committed to expressing Catholic identity and heritage.

### Values

St Finbarr's Parish School's enrolment policy gives expression to the following values which are inherent in the creation of a school community of faith: respect, acceptance, inclusivity and diversity (*incl. "option for the poor"*), and nurturing of Catholic faith and personal spirituality.

### Policy Statement

All members of the community are welcome at the St Finbarr's Parish School, human and physical resources permitting, on the understanding that both parents and students appreciate, support and participate in Catholic school philosophy and ethos.

As the school aims to reflect the option of Christ for the poor, every attempt will be made to cater for the neediest members of our society.

### Consequences

- Prior to accepting enrolment, parents are to accept the philosophy and ethos of the school as expressed in the school's Mission Statement.
- Parents are expected to encourage their child to be witnesses to the values taught by Jesus including the display of active care, mutual respect and tolerance towards others
- Parents accept all policies operating in the school, noting the formal requirements and consequences
- The Religious Education and liturgy program of the schools is to be explained to parents and students. All students are expected to participate.
- Parental involvement in the life of the school is strongly recommended
- Parents commit to pay the prescribed school fees and levies as outlined in the enrolment package or as otherwise negotiated by the Principal.
- Parents are expected to outfit the students in the stated school uniform
- Special consideration is to be given to families and students in particular need.
- Applications for enrolment are to be processed according to the criteria outlined below.

## **Criteria**

The following procedure is followed for parents applying for enrolment

If applications exceed the available positions, the following criteria will be considered in order of priority

1. Families already in the school
2. Catholic parents who are involved in their Parish
3. Families relocating from other Catholic schools
4. Children from other faith traditions
5. Date of application to enrol.

The Principal retains the discretion to give special consideration to families with particular needs.

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