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Enrolment Policy

Introduction

The Catholic Church has established St Thomas More College to support families seeking a Catholic education for their children. As a Catholic College we are about building a learning community that values and celebrates our Catholic tradition.

The Queensland Catholic Education Commission states that Catholic schools share a role in preaching the Good News *"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full"* (John 10:10). Catholic schools cater for students who have a diverse range of personal characteristics and experiences. These characteristics and experiences may be attributable to physical, religious, cultural, personal health or wellbeing, intellectual, psychological, socio-economic or life experiences. This diverse range of personal characteristics and experiences enriches the communal life of schools.

Despite these practices there will be children with needs beyond those which can be met by our College. This said, St Thomas More will give priority enrolment to those who are involved in the communal and sacramental life of the Catholic Church, who demonstrate that they share the expressed values of the College and who are willing to support and contribute positively to the life of the College.

Enrolment decisions are made by the Principal, supported by the College Pastoral Board operating in accordance with this St Thomas More Enrolment Policy and various policies of Brisbane Catholic Education.

Enrolment Priorities

Enrolment preferences will be determined in the following sequence:

1. Siblings of current students.
2. Baptised Catholic students whose families are actively involved in a parish community **and** have shown a commitment to Catholic education.
3. Baptised Catholic students whose families are actively involved in a parish community.
4. Baptised Catholic students whose families have shown a commitment to Catholic education.
5. Other baptised Catholic students.
6. Students whose families have shown a commitment to Catholic education e.g. Attended previous Catholic school.
7. Students from another faith tradition.
8. Anyone else acceptable to the Principal.

Note:

Enrolment will depend on the student and family signing a document of agreement and continuing to abide by and support the principles and ethos of St Thomas More College. Enrolment may be refused or withdrawn if the student or the parents reject the College's Catholic values or standards of behaviour.

Special Considerations

The Principal may include the following as other considerations when making prioritising decisions within the above priority groups:

- Whether the prospective student has special needs, and if the College is equipped to cater for these for the balanced benefit of the student and the broader College community
- The history, character, reputation, skills, and motivations of the individual student
- Family history of current or previous enrolments
- Ability and willingness of the family to contribute positively to the College community
- Administrative considerations e.g. timing, prior commitment, school capacity, other personal issues

References

Brisbane Catholic Education Policies:

- Enrolment of Students
- Financial Accessibility of Catholic Education Schools Policy
- Students with Disabilities Policy
- Enrolment Application Support Procedures for Students requiring Significant Educational Adjustments
- QCEC Inclusive practices in Catholic Schools in Queensland