



## St Patrick's Primary

# ENROLMENT POLICY

### **Rationale**

As a Catholic School with limited space and resources, it is essential that St Patrick's School implement a policy to govern the way enrolments are taken at the school. It is important that the Catholic character of the school is maintained and that, as a school, we remain faithful to the ethos of Catholic education and the charisms of The Christian Brothers and the Sisters of Mercy.

However, it is also important that, as a school community, we are faithful to the teachings of Jesus as revealed through the teachings of the Church. In order to achieve this, the enrolment policy aims to admit students to the school in such a way that we are just, equitable and, at the same time, faithful to our mission. No child would be refused a Catholic education simply based on financial grounds.

### **Policy**

Enrolment at St Patrick's carries a responsibility upon families to support the ethos and values of the school as outlined in the school's Vision and Mission Statements. In particular it requires:

- An acceptance of the importance of religious practice
- A commitment to respect and affirm the dignity and worth of each person
- A commitment to participation in the educational and religious practices of the school
- Support for school regulations and procedures
- A recognition of the school as an integral part of St Patrick's Parish
- A financial commitment to pay relevant fees as arranged through the Principal.

## **Implementation**

Enrolments will be at the discretion of the Principal and the Parish Priest. They will also occur in accordance with current Brisbane Catholic Education policy, especially in regards to enrolment of students with special needs or disabilities, migrants and FFPOS. In cases where not all can be accommodated, the following aspects will be considered:

- Practising Catholics from St Patrick's Parish
- Baptised Catholics
- Siblings of non-Catholic families already enrolled in St Patrick's Primary and College
- Children from families who are actively involved in another Christian community
- Children of parents who are supportive of the Catholic ethos of the school.