Enrolment Policy

VISION STATEMENT:

St. Brigid’s College, as a Catholic community founded in the Brigidine tradition, provides opportunities for all members to develop to their full potential, according to Gospel values.

RATIONALE:

“...Catholic schools are still central to the mission and work of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat today and to the life quality of students and their families. Inspired and governed by the message and person of Jesus Christ, and committed to the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development of each person, they provide education of the highest quality to their communities. In line with the self-understanding of the Church, they are welcoming to all who share their educational philosophy. Through their distinctive educational style, Catholic schools make an irreplaceable contribution to the intellectual, ethical and spiritual wellbeing of their own community and of Australian society.”

(Awakenings Core Document 2005, p16)

POLICY STATEMENT:

Catholic children living in the community of Ss. Michael and John’s Parish will normally have the right to a place in St. Brigid’s College. St. Brigid’s College is welcoming to those families who may not be Catholic but who share the understanding of the Catholic school described above. Admission is open to non-Catholic students provided admission does not compromise the ethos, practices and religious education programs of the College.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- All enrolments will be subject to the discretion of the Principal and based upon the best interests of all concerned.
- All students will be expected to participate in the Religious Education program at all levels.
- Students other than Catholics will be considered for enrolment provided this does not result in the exclusion of Catholic students. All parents will be required to give an understanding that they will respect the life, nature and identity of the school.
• Enrolment is ongoing provided the College expectations continue to be met, including but not limited to payment of school fees, student attendance and conduct, and continued support of the ethos and philosophy of the College.

• Children with special needs who can be catered for in the regular classroom will be considered for enrolment upon the recommendation of an integrated support group, convened by the Principal, specifically to examine the ability of the College to meet those needs.

CRITERIA FOR ENROLMENTS:

The Principal, will be informed by, but not restricted to the following order of criteria:

1. Catholic students from Ss. Michael and John’s Catholic Primary School and OLHC, Murtoa.

2. Siblings of present students or of past students who have completed their education at St. Brigid’s College.

3. Sons and daughters of current staff members.

4. Catholic students who have completed their sacraments of initiation and are enrolled at State or Independent schools.

5. Non-Catholic students who have been at Catholic Primary schools.

6. Children of other Christian denominations who, in conjunction with their parents, display willingness to support the ethos and philosophy of the College.

7. Non-Christian students who, in conjunction with their parents, display a willingness to support the ethos and philosophy of the College.

It is expected that by following this Policy, St. Brigid’s College will have clear enrolment guidelines which will assist all parents in the responsibility of educating their children in the Faith in partnership with the College.

Associated Policies:
- Fee Payment & Collection Policy
- Discipline Policy & Guidelines
- Computer Internet & Email Acceptable Use Policy
- Electronic Device Usage Policy and Electronic Mail & Internet Policy
- Drug Policy
- Library Rules
- Uniform Policy

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