

## Enrolment

### Policy statement

1. The Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta provides Catholic education as a significant work of the Church. Students are enrolled to receive a Catholic education.
2. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) schools recognise that parents, as first educators of their children<sup>i</sup>, need to “choose the school best suited to [their] educational purpose”.<sup>ii</sup>
3. CEDP schools welcome a diverse range of students who seek enrolment in our schools.
4. CEDP schools balance the following needs when prioritising enrolments:
  - preferencing Catholic children from local parishes and siblings of current students
  - supporting those who are poor, marginalised and in most need
  - accepting enrolments of children from non-Catholic families where places are available.<sup>iii</sup>
5. No student is declined enrolment because of a parent’s genuine inability to pay school fees.

### Context

CEDP schools exist to provide quality Catholic schooling. They are places of “integral formation” “through a living encounter with a cultural inheritance” founded on the teachings of Christ.<sup>iv</sup>

### Scope and application

This Policy applies to enrolment in all CEDP schools.

### Related documents

#### Enrolment policy framework

##### ENROLMENT POLICY

- ❖ Enrolment - Statement
- ❖ Enrolment - Procedures
  - Enrolment – Guidelines
    - Enrolment Application
      - Letter of Offer
  - Enrolment Visa and Overseas Students – Guidelines
- ❖ Enrolment Additional Needs – Procedures
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### Relevant documents

- Vatican Council II, *Gravissimum Educationis*, 28 October 1965
- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 4 November 2003
- The Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, *The Catholic School*, Vatican, 19 March 1977
- Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of NSW and ACT, *Catholic Schools at a Crossroads*, 8 August 2007

<sup>i</sup> *Gravissimum Educationis*, 3; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 1653

<sup>ii</sup> *The Catholic School*, paragraph 14

<sup>iii</sup> *Catholic Schools at a Crossroads*, page 10

<sup>iv</sup> *The Catholic School*, paragraph 26

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