

# Enrolment Policy



Sacred Heart Primary School is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS), where formation and education are based on the principles of Catholic doctrine, and where the teachers are outstanding in true doctrine and uprightness of life.

## Enrolment principles

Our governing body, the MACS Board has established an agreed order of priority for enrolment which Sacred Heart Primary School must follow.

Our first priority is the provision of a Catholic education for Catholic children.

While Sacred Heart Primary School is open to families of all faith and non-religious backgrounds, we aim and give priority to enrol Catholic and Orthodox children ahead of other Christian denominations, non-Christians or children of no religious affiliation.

## Definitions

**Parish:** The local parish as defined by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

**Enrolment catchment area:** A defined area from which a School enrolls students as officially designated to a School by the MACS Board. Our catchment area is Sacred Heart Parish boundaries.

**Catholic:** A child is considered Catholic if they have been baptised and can provide a Certificate of Baptism from a Catholic Parish.

**Orthodox:** Includes children from non-Catholic Eastern churches. That is, Greek Orthodox, Coptic Orthodox, Ukrainian Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Serbian Orthodox and Other Orthodox.

## Enrolment priorities

Our order of priority for enrolment has been approved by our governing body, the MACS Board. The Board requires Sacred Heart Primary School to follow this Enrolment Policy.

The order of priority for MACS primary schools is:

1. Catholic children who are residents of the parish
2. Siblings of children already enrolled in the school
3. Catholic children who are not residents of the parish but are recognised as parishioners by the parish priest
4. Catholic children from other parishes (for pastoral reasons)
5. Children from non-Catholic Eastern churches (i.e. Greek Orthodox, Coptic Orthodox, Ukrainian Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Serbian Orthodox and other Orthodox) who are residents of the parish
6. Children from non-Catholic Eastern churches (i.e. Greek Orthodox, Coptic Orthodox, Ukrainian Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Serbian Orthodox and Other Orthodox) who reside outside the parish
7. Other Christian children who are residents of the parish

8. Other Christian children who reside outside the parish
9. Non-Christian children who are residents of the parish
10. Non-Christian children who reside outside the parish.

Enrolment is subject to the maximum capacity of the School.

## Application for enrolment

We strive to be welcoming and inclusive and to collaborate with parents as partners in the education of their child, while making every effort to ensure a Catholic education is accessible to every Catholic family through the provision of family-friendly fee policies and fee relief.

We are open and welcoming to all Catholic students, regardless of their background, and do everything reasonable to accommodate the individual needs of each student.

The MACS Board encourages and supports its schools to extend particular assistance to children who are poor, disadvantaged or considered most at risk.

Parents who wish to accept a place in a MACS school for their children will be required to agree and sign an Enrolment Agreement with MACS, represented by the Principal, for enrolment at the particular School.

We are required to collect and retain particular information about parents and their child in accordance with this Framework. Parents are required to provide particular information about their child during the enrolment procedure in order for our governing body to meet its duty of care obligations and to satisfy government requirements. Lodging an Enrolment Form does not guarantee enrolment at the particular School.