

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL FREMANTLE



ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT POLICY

Rationale

Catholic schools exist to further the mission of the Church. In Western Australia, the Mandate of the Bishops requires the Catholic education Commission of WA to make Catholic school education available to all Catholic children, insofar as this is possible.

Principles

- Here at St Patrick's we recognise that each child is unique, and the purpose of education is to develop each child from within.
- We have a preferential option for the poor and marginalised.
- St Patrick's recognise that parents are the foremost educators of their children and by sending them to this school, they invite the staff to join with them in the education of their child.
- St Patrick's school has an obligation to fulfil the requirements of relevant Federal, State and Local Government laws and regulations.
- St Patrick's School will accept all applications for enrolment.
- The acceptance of an application form **does not** guarantee an enrolment interview or offer of enrolment.
- Enrolment in St Patrick's shall only be offered where the school has age-appropriate accommodation and the requisite resources to respond to any specific needs of the student.
- Enrolment in St Patrick's does not guarantee enrolment in any other Catholic school.

Procedures

Enrolment Priority

- i) Catholic students from the Parish with a Parish Priest reference
- ii) Catholic students from outside the Parish with a Parish Priest reference
- iii) Other Catholic students
- iv) Siblings of non-Catholic students
- v) Non-Catholic students

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OTHER RELEVANT ENROLMENT FACTORS

1. All children with special needs will be reviewed prior to enrolment to determine whether the school has the capacity – in terms of programmes, appropriate resources and existing student needs – to meet the child’s needs by referral to the Special Education Section at Catholic Education Office.
2. Enrolment in a Catholic primary school does not ensure entry in a Catholic secondary school. Parents will need to make applications to the secondary school of their choice.
3. There are currently waiting lists for all classes at St Patrick’s, and in some cases, these lists are extensive.
4. Parents of students seeking enrolment for Years 2 – 6 in any year, will be asked to supply copies of:
 - a. The two most recent school reports;
 - b. NAPLAN results if applicable.
5. Students seeking enrolment in middle/upper primary must demonstrate the capacity to be a positive member of the school community to be considered for the limited places that may exist in these year levels. Limited places may arise as some students transit from St Patrick’s to Colleges which offer a start earlier than Year 7. The Principal will be selective in filling these places, over and above the stated enrolment policies.