

SECTION 4 : STUDENTS

4.2 ENROLMENT POLICY

RATIONALE

Daramalan College exists to carry on the mission of the Catholic Church to share and proclaim the Gospel message. It does so in a way which addresses the faith formation of students and supports the spiritual development of students of other faiths. This policy is based on the Gospel values of respect and hospitality

POLICY

That the College's enrolment priorities respect the mission of the Catholic church and the ethos of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, as articulated in the MSC Vision and Ethos Statements.

That the College establish and publicise its enrolment priorities.

That the College articulate to families upon enrolment its expectations about matters such as participation in Religious Education classes and faith formation programs as well as community activities and sports programs.

APPLICATION

1. Enrolments are at the discretion of the Principal. The following priorities provide a guide:
 - a. Initial preference is given to "family" students, such as those who have brothers or sisters currently attending Daramalan, those whose parents or siblings attended Daramalan or another MSC school, children of staff members, or students who are re-enrolling.
 - b. Preference is then given to Catholic students from Catholic Primary Schools; Catholic students whose parents are members of a local parish community in rural areas where a Catholic school is not available; and Catholic students from interstate whose parents have demonstrated a long-term commitment to Catholic education.
 - c. Preference is then given to non-Catholic students who have spent at least two years in Catholic primary schools, or who have demonstrated long-term commitment to Catholic education elsewhere.
 - d. Others by discretion.
2. Notwithstanding the above, students are enrolled on their own merits. That a parent/carer or sibling has been enrolled at the College neither guarantees nor excludes enrolment automatically. Attendance at another Catholic school does not guarantee enrolment at Daramalan automatically, nor does place of residence preclude enrolment.
3. The Principal may consider offering enrolment on a trial basis if the circumstances warrant such a decision.
4. No student is prevented from enrolling at the College simply because of the parent's/carer's inability to pay full fees. However, failure to pay fees without good cause may result in cancellation of enrolment.

In all questions of fee payment, the wellbeing of the student, the dignity of the individual, confidentiality and justice are the predominant considerations.

5. That on acceptance of enrolment, parents/carers and students enter into a covenant with the College to support its goals and values, meet contractual obligations and accept its reasonable expectations with regard to conduct and participation.
6. The College works with parents/carers to provide reasonable adjustments for the learning needs of identified students.
7. Enrolment levels are maintained in such a way so as not to compromise the quality of pastoral care and education within the College.
8. Daramalan College collaborates with the Catholic Education Commission regarding enrolments into Year 7.

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