

## **CRITERIA FOR ENROLMENT:**

- (a) St Anthony's initial point of enrolment is at the Prep Year. The Prep Year is non-compulsory however it is deemed to be our first year of schooling and a vital part of the Early Years Education program. St Anthony's current enrolment stands at 505 students however this figure continues to change with a strong demand for enrolment.

The population of the Redlands continues to grow rapidly. The Catholic Primary Schools of the Redlands, which include St Anthony's Alexandra Hills, Star of Sea, Cleveland, St Mary MacKillop Birkdale, St Luke's Capalaba, St Rita's Victoria Point, were established by the Catholic Parishes of the Redlands to provide for the educational needs of the children of parish families. The primary purpose of these schools is to nurture and educate the whole child through the principles, traditions and teachings of the Church and within a Community of faith.

In recognition of the importance of the relationship between the Catholic School and the Parish Community and with due reference to Archdiocesan Policies and Practices, the following criteria (1-6) will establish the priority for accepting enrolment:

### **APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT**

- 1 The child is a baptised Catholic whose family can demonstrate involvement in the life, worship and service of this Parish with a preference to those who have siblings already enrolled.
- 2 The child is a baptised Catholic whose family can demonstrate involvement in the life, worship, service of another parish and now seeks to participate actively in the life, worship and service of this parish.
- 3 The child, is currently enrolled in another Catholic School.

Prior consultation with the Principal will need to occur where a transfer is being considered.

- 4 This child is baptised Catholic whose family resides in a Redlands Catholic Parish and whose family is committed to and guided by the values of the Gospel and the traditions of the Catholic Church.
- 5 The child is a baptised Catholic whose family can demonstrate involvement in the life, worship and service of the parish community other than a Redlands Catholic Parish and has appropriate reasons for not enrolling in their own parish school.
- 6 The child, though not baptised a Catholic, belongs to a family that can demonstrate some meaningful relationship with a Christian tradition and is committed to and guided by the values of the Gospel and accepting the traditions of the Catholic Community.

The Principal, in consultation with the Parish Priest, may exercise discretion regarding applications where pastoral considerations apply and, therefore, may determine a child's eligibility beyond the stated criteria.



- b) Enrolment from Years P to 7 will be accepted as per the Brisbane Catholic Education Centre enrolment criteria.
- c) Where families have given little or no support to St Anthony's Catholic Parish School and have demonstrated a lack of commitment to its ethos, the Principal will discuss with such families after consultation with the Parish Priest and the merits or otherwise of the continuation of the enrolment.
- d) All enrolments will be made in accordance with criteria 1-6 as outlined above, however, it is practice at St Anthony's to accept siblings of children already enrolled, although where issues referred to in (c) and (g) apply, discussion with the Principal will occur.
- e) Children will not be excluded from St Anthony's Catholic Parish School for financial reasons related to the inability of the family to pay fees. Such commitment from St Anthony's is conditional upon the family adhering to the terms of the school fee remission process managed by the Principal and the School's Financial Secretary. The process is characterised by justice and equity for all and pastoral care of the family in need according to the School's Fee Policy. It is an expectation that all families on concessions make a reasonable contribution towards fees.
- f) Notwithstanding the criteria detailed in (a), students with special needs will be enrolled in accordance with Brisbane Catholic Education's Policy on 'Enrolment and Support Procedures for Students with Special Needs.'
- g) Failure to disclose enrolment information will result in the enrolment ceasing at St Anthony's – i.e. non-disclosure of reports, learning and behaviour issues.

The Enrolment policy takes into account and is in accordance with Brisbane Catholic Education Administration Handbook Guidelines regarding the Enrolment of Students.

