

Saint Mary MacKillop College

Enrolment Policy

SMMC seeks to form students in the mould of Our Lord Jesus Christ, each one loved and respected as a unique person, a child of God and a candidate for Heaven. To this end we train the students to seek what is true, good, and beautiful, educating them in an atmosphere of Catholic culture, where the Catholic Faith is taught in its fullness, the life of virtue seriously pursued and academic excellence promoted as a true human value.

The manner of the education of your child is one of the most important decisions parents will ever make and this school will honour the privilege that is offered to it by every family, and expect that every family will similarly value the opportunity and community that they receive at SMMC.

Whilst the particular procedures involved in the enrolment of students may occasionally vary and reflect the development of the school and the laws and regulations within which it operates, the following tenets will underlie each application:

1. Applications for enrolment may be made at any time by the parent/carer(s) of students to commence at Saint Mary MacKillop College.
2. Students enrolling at school for the first time should be *at least* five years of age by 1st January in the year of their commencement. However, consideration may be given to students who are at least five years of age by 30 April in the year of their commencement if they demonstrate a required level of maturity, development, and knowledge in formal or informal assessment.
3. The School will follow its procedures and include the following considerations to form any decision about offering a place to a student on:
 - A sound understanding and acceptance of the ethos, values, and Catholic culture of the school, and the sacramental life that this involves.
 - The student's family relationship to the school, including parents and siblings that may be past or present students of the school.
 - The potential aptitude and contribution of the student to the school as assessed on the basis of interviews, discussions, and documents from previous schools (eg report cards).
 - The ability of the school to meet any special needs of a student, and the cooperation of the family with the school in meeting those needs.
 - The order of receipt of the application for enrolment.
 - Other factors that the Principal may deem an important consideration.
4. The School will meet with parent/carer(s) of the student before offering a place. The school may also wish to meet with potential students to help assess their suitability for the school or year level.
5. The School has an absolute discretion in determining the weight of each of the factors it takes into account in determining whether to offer a place for the student.
6. Continued enrolment at the School is dependent upon the student making satisfactory academic progress, attending consistently, and the student and the parent/carer(s) observing all behavioural codes of conduct and other requirements of the School which are applicable from time to time.

This policy will be reviewed annually and may be amended following the approval of the Directors.

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