St Catherine's School
Sydney

GOV015 Enrolment policy

1. Introduction

1.1 Rationale

St Catherine's School Sydney (the School) has a rich history of educating young women in character and intellect since its establishment more than 170 years ago. This enduring heritage continues to shape the life of the School today. St Catherine's welcomes families who seek to engage fully in the life of the community and support its values, traditions and expectations. As a school dedicated to the education of girls, it is committed to nurturing confident, capable young women through a rich and balanced educational experience that includes academic, co-curricular, spiritual and pastoral opportunities. St Catherine's School seeks to work in partnership with families who value this mission and encourage wholeheartedly participation in the full life of the school. Within this environment, students are supported to learn, grow and contribute in a community marked by respect, care and a strong sense of belonging.

St Catherine's School Sydney is a non-academically selective Anglican day and boarding school for girls, which maintains an open approach to the enrolment of students, regardless of their religious or cultural backgrounds. This policy applies to all prospective and current students of the School, their Parent/Carer(s) and to all staff involved in the enrolment process.

The School aims to provide the best educational outcomes for all students who become part of the school community.

1.2 Scope

The policy applies to all prospective and current students of St Catherine's School.

1.3 Definitions

Enrolment refers to a contract, between the School and parents and their daughter, or legal guardians and their child or young person dependent who is a girl, to provide a course of education.

2. Policy

Consideration for enrolment will generally be based on the following priorities:

- daughter of Anglican Clergy (in acknowledgement of the School's founding purpose)
- sibling of a current or former student of the School
- daughters and granddaughters of past students
- date of application

All decisions regarding enrolments are at the discretion of the Headmistress.

Consideration will also be given to the following:

- a number of places being set aside for boarding students in each year group;
- the degree of isolation in the case of applicants for boarding places and to families transferring from interstate or overseas.

The high intake years for enrolment at the School are Kindergarten, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 7. If vacancies occur in other year levels, applicants who are wait-listed for other years, or who were not offered a place earlier because classes were filled, may be offered an enrolment at the School. Generally, students will be interviewed before being offered an enrolment.

At St Catherine's, we deeply value the individuality of every student. We believe that when each person's unique strengths and needs are recognised and supported, the entire school community benefits. For this reason, the School is not an academically selective school. Instead, we are committed to understanding and

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responding to the specific educational and personal needs of every student who seeks enrolment at the School.

Parents/Carers may be asked to provide expert opinion from specialists to inform the identification of educational needs and adjustments that may be required, and will be considered, in determining the decision. The decision on whether the student is to be enrolled will generally be made collaboratively with the Parents/Carers based on the School's ability to cater for the student's needs. The final decision in matters of enrolment rests with the Headmistress.

Continued enrolment is dependent upon the student meeting prerequisites such as attendance, behaviour, payment of fees and the student and the parent/carer(s) observing all codes of conduct and other requirements of the School which are applicable from time to time. This information is set out in the St Catherines Terms and Conditions of Enrolment signed by both parents at the point of acceptance of enrolment.

Communicating this policy

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Director of Enrolments
Headmistress

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Certified by

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