



# St Patrick's Parish School

## Summary of Catholic Schools Enrolment Policy

### Principles

In the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, the Catholic Education Commission aims to provide the choice of Catholic schooling to all those seeking a Catholic education for their children. In particular, it has a responsibility to welcome, accept and support those who are poor, marginalised and in most need.

Those who choose a Catholic school for their children do so on the understanding that they respect and agree to support the Catholic identity of the school and acknowledge the importance of the religious education for their children.

The Director of Education may authorise the refusal of an enrolment into a particular Catholic school if such enrolment would adversely impact on the Archdiocesan provision of Catholic education.

All parents enrolling their children in a Diocesan school must complete the official enrolment form and return it by the due date. Such action, however, does not guarantee enrolment in the school.

The following priorities have been established:

1. Baptised Catholic children who are members of the designated local parish communities
2. Siblings of children already attending the school
3. Baptised Catholic children from other parishes
4. Baptised Catholic children from non-Catholic schools within the designated local parish community
5. Other children whose parents/guardians desire and are committed to a Catholic education.

Parents must be prepared to abide by the provisions specified in the enrolment form, especially as regards to the support they will give the school in the Catholic education of their children.

The child's parents/guardians must recognise and be prepared to meet the financial responsibilities for the ongoing enrolment of the child.

The child's parents/guardians must advise the Principal of any Court Order(s) that may exist in regard to the child and provide certified copies to be retained on the child's school file.

In the event of a student with a disability wishing to enrol, the Principal will follow the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) and seek the advice of the Diocesan Coordinator of Special Needs Education Service.