Enrolment Procedures

Catholic education is intrinsic to the mission of the Church. It is one means by which the Church fulfils its role in assisting people to discover and embrace the fullness of life in Christ. The Australian bishops established Catholic schools in the 1860s as a key instrument of catechesis and sacramental preparation for Catholic children. Catholic schools continue to offer a broad, comprehensive curriculum imbued with an authentic Catholic understanding of Christ and his teaching, as well as a lived appreciation of membership of the Catholic Church.

This Catholic Education Office Melbourne (CEOM) Enrolment Policy establishes that the first priority of a Catholic school is the provision of a Catholic education for Catholic children. This reflects the historical context of Catholic education in Australia, as well as confirming the participation of the Catholic school in the Church’s mission. As a result, formation and education in a Catholic school must be based on the principles of Catholic doctrine.

To support the view that Catholic schools are primarily for Catholic children, this policy establishes an expectation that the school will work towards and/or maintain the highest possible level of Catholic enrolment.

St Roch’s Parish – Glen Iris
Catchment Area for Schools

For the purpose of enrolment, the school catchment is the parish or group of parishes, as defined by the Catholic Education Office Melbourne (CEOM), from which the school draws the majority of its enrolments and to which the school gives priority of enrolment.

For the majority of primary schools this will be the parish to which the school belongs. In those parishes with more than one primary school the catchment for each school is determined by the parish in consultation with the CEOM.

St Roch’s Enrolment Priority

The order of priority is:

1. Siblings of children already enrolled in the school are given a priority.
2. Catholic children who are residents of the parish.
3. Catholic children who do not reside in the parish but are recognised as parishioners by the Parish Priest.
4. Catholic children from other parishes (for pastoral reasons).

Note: Families wishing to enroll their child from other parishes need to have spoken and visited their local Parish Primary School before enrolment is accepted.

5. Children from non-Catholic Eastern churches who reside in the parish.
6. Children from non-Catholic Eastern churches who reside outside the parish.
7. Other Christian children who reside in the parish.
8. Other Christian children who reside outside the parish.