



# St Edmund's College

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*Enrolment Policy*

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## *Rationale*

St Edmund's College is a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice tradition and seeks to be an inclusive and affordable College providing a high quality secondary Catholic education for boys in the Ipswich region.

The College seeks to have a transparent and equitable enrolment process for the selection of prospective students in accordance with the ethos and principles set out in the Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) Charter.

## *Application*

This policy applies to current and prospective parents and students of the College.

## *Definitions*

Not Applicable

## *Policy Statement*

The College welcomes enrolment applications from all students and families with a passion and dedication to spiritual, academic, sporting, cultural and community activities. St Edmund's College will provide the best possible education and development to all those who share the values of Blessed Edmund Rice.

The College enrolment process will be guided by the principles of justice and equity and be reflective of the College Vision and our Catholic ethos.

While the enrolment process will be governed by the College Enrolment Guidelines, all student enrolments require the approval of the College Principal and at his/her discretion will consider every case on its own merits and take into account special circumstances.

#### **4.a. Factors Affecting Enrolment**

The following factors may be considered when determining enrolment offers –

- The need to be an inclusive school which provides options for the poor and marginalised in our community.
- The acceptance of the parents and student of a genuine commitment to the ethos and goals of EREA.
- The faith and religious practice of the prospective parents and student.
- The capacity of the College to meet the educational and developmental needs of the prospective student.
- The reason for seeking enrolment, especially in respect of students leaving other secondary schools.
- The availability of places in the year level required.

#### **4.b. Enrolment Considerations**

The following considerations may be used as a guide to making enrolment decisions in respect of enrolment applications received before the advertised enrolment period deadline

The prospective student is, (in no particular order),

- A sibling of a current or former College student
- A son or grandson of an Old Boy of the College
- A Catholic attending one of the College's Catholic feeder schools
- A Catholic attending a non-Catholic school
- A Non-Catholic attending one of the College's Catholic feeder schools
- A Non-Catholic within the local community

All student enrolments are at the absolute discretion of the College Principal.

In addition to the priorities outlined above, consideration may also be given to a range of additional factors which includes the following –

- The prospective student has specific pastoral and social needs and/or particular gifts and talents that would be of value to and enrich the St Edmund's College community.
- Parental expectations in respect of commitment to the ethos of the College and commitment to their son's active participation in College life.
- Parental expectations of their son's commitment to study, appropriate behaviour and faith involvement.
- Applications received from families transitioning into the local area outside the advertised enrolment period deadline and relocation is a requirement of the parent's employment (e.g. Defence Force).

# *Supporting Documents*

**College Fee Concession and Sibling Discount Policy**

**College Fee Policy**

**College Enrolment Application Form**

**College Enrolment Guidelines**

**College Enrolment Terms and Conditions**

**College Contract of Enrolment**

**EREA College Fees – Setting and Collection Policy**

**EREA Student Inclusion Policy**