



ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE - SYDNEY

DOMESTIC STUDENT ENROLMENT POLICY

Policy

Enrolment at St Augustine's College is an invitation to develop as a young man of faith, in a Catholic community of friendship and in an environment of educational excellence.

Enrolment will be offered on the basis of the faith of the applicant and his family, on previous ties with the College and the Order of St Augustine, the family's relationship with the Catholic Church and on particular needs of the family, the applicant and the College.

Rationale

St Augustine's College is a congregational Catholic boys College governed and administered in accordance with the traditions of the Order of St Augustine. The College recognises that the time of enrolment is of great significance in the lives of families and in the well being of the College. Consistent with Augustinian values, the pastoral care of prospective students and their families is of paramount importance at the time of enrolment.

The Aims

St Augustine's College contributes to the mission and purpose of the Catholic Church and embraces the distinctive traditions of the Order of St Augustine.

Parents and their sons are invited into the community of St Augustine's College to participate in the mission of the school – to educate, form and nurture the young man.

The College views the enrolment period as an opportunity for the College and families of applicants to dialogue and reflect.

The Process

Parents who are willing to support the life, nature and identity of St Augustine's College as a Catholic boys' school within the Augustinian tradition are eligible to apply to enrol their sons at St Augustine's College.

The College works with the Diocese of Broken Bay and shares the common goals of the mission of the Catholic Church. To that end this enrolment policy recognises that a Memorandum of Understanding currently is in place between the Bishop of Broken Bay and the Provincial of the Order of St Augustine to support the enrolment of Catholic boys.

The selection of students will be made by the College in terms of the needs of the College, its ability to cater for the needs of prospective students and in compliance with relevant State and Federal legislation. Those selected first will be boys from Catholic families with siblings who currently support the College. All families must agree to the provision of education in the Catholic faith and be supportive of the Catholic ethos of the school. Families are invited to become part of the Augustinian community and tradition associated with the College.

The Catholic purpose and identity of the College promotes equity and accessibility to enrolment for students both locally and globally. Therefore, the College may also consider applications for enrolment where a family is in need or disadvantaged including financial hardship. The acceptance of these applications will be dependent upon the capacity of the College to support the family's needs and are not limited to those boys residing within local geographic areas. Applications may be considered where applicants wish to avail themselves of opportunities on offer at the College not accessible in their current school community.

The Responsibility

Enrolment is ultimately at the discretion of the Principal. The College reserves the right to take into account the College's ability to serve the educational needs of each child.

Appeals for enrolment may be made to the Principal. It needs to be understood that even when a boy and his family meet all or most criteria, due to the demand for places, the College may be unable to offer a position.

The College Board may examine matters where this policy has not been followed.

The acceptance of an application form will not guarantee an enrolment interview or an offer of enrolment.

Evaluation

The policy will be evaluated annually or as required by a sub-committee of the College Board.

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