

Enrolment Policy

PREAMBLE

The Parish of Meredith is a geographically large parish that sits right in the middle of the Golden Plains Shire and fills the area between Geelong and Ballarat. It stretches 100 km from Wordiboluc just north of the Otways in the south right up to Lal Lal in the north and about 60 km from Batesford in the east to beyond Barunah Park in the west. That's a total of over 2000 sq km.

St Mary MacKillop Catholic Primary School which opened in 2018 in Bannockburn, services this parish and all catholic and non catholic children are welcome to attend.

It is the aim of the school to support all catholic families who live in the parish and who want a catholic education for their children. St Mary MacKillop Catholic Primary School is a priority feeder school for the four Catholic Secondary schools in Geelong.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

This Enrolment Policy is consistent with the Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) [Policy 2.4](#) and has been developed with the following principles in mind:

- 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.
- Like all Catholic schools, St Mary MacKillop Catholic Primary School offers 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.
- Every baptized Catholic child living in the Parish of Meredith is entitled to a place in our Catholic school.

DEFINITIONS

School Catchment Area

The school catchment area 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.

CEOM Enrolment Policy 2009

ENROLMENT CRITERIA

In line with the Enrolment Policy of Catholic Education Melbourne, enrolment applications will be dealt with according to the following priority order:

- 1) Catholic children who are residents of the parish
- 2) Catholic children who do not reside in the parish but are recognised as parishioners by the parish priest
- 3) Catholic children from other parishes (for pastoral reasons)
- 4) children from non-Catholic Eastern churches who reside in the parish
- 5) children from non-Catholic Eastern churches who reside outside the parish
- 6) other Christian children who reside in the parish
- 7) other Christian children who reside outside the parish
- 8) non-Christian children who reside in the parish
- 9) non-Christian children who reside outside the parish.

ENROLMENT PROCESS

NEW ENROLMENTS – PREPARATORY

Applications will be taken following the Enrolment Launch during Catholic Education Week (March). Enrolment Forms may be collected from the School office, the Parish Office or downloaded from the school website www.stmmb.catholic.edu.au

Please note the closing dates for Prep Applications in section 11 of this Enrolment Form Appendix.

Application to Enrol forms are to be completed and submitted to the school office, together with all required documentation. Failure to submit copies of all required documentation will result in the application being returned to the parents, and will not be accepted until all documentation is submitted.

NEW ENROLMENTS – YEARS ONE TO SIX

1. Enrolment Enquiries/Applications can be made at the school or via the website.
2. If the school is able to offer a position in the requested year level, normal enrolment processes continue.
3. If the school is unable to offer a position, the school will offer to place the child on a waiting list until a place in the appropriate year level becomes available.

ENROLMENT ENQUIRY TO THE PARISH PRIEST

Any enrolment enquiries made directly to the Parish Priest will be re-directed to the school. These enquiries will be processed using the same procedure as above.