



It is our Mission... 'To provide a quality K-12 Catholic education for all students of our community following Christ as our Light in the spirit of Mary MacKillop'

ENROLMENT POLICY

Introduction

MacKillop Catholic College, Warnervale is a unique K-12 Catholic School community situated on the Upper Central Coast of NSW with the College campus integrated into the St. Mary MacKillop Parish. The College is part of the Broken Bay Diocese under the leadership of the Bishop with governance from the Catholic Schools Office. The governance structures are inclusive of the NSW Board of Studies (known as NESA) requirements that meet the NSW Education Act.

Parents and families seeking enrolment at the College for their child/ren from Kindergarten through to Year 12 are most welcome to make enrolment applications. Those families who may be relocating to the area whose children are already attending a Catholic School are given full consideration, although enrolment will be determined by the availability of a place in the relevant grade. Every effort will be made to accommodate these families and all families who have a connected approach to the values and culture of the Catholic School. The enrolment process aligns with the Diocesan Guidelines with specific selection criteria designed by the College to reflect this College's Mission and Vision.

The Spirit of underpinning Enrolment

As a Catholic Systemic and Parish School, Catholic families have a priority position when they seek enrolment for their children. This is not to say that children from other faith traditions are not eligible for enrolment. It is with an understanding of the identity of the Catholic School that Catholic students (baptized) are offered enrolment places at the College.

All enrolment applications are accepted and by living out our College motto of 'Christ Our Light' in combination with the inspirational message of Mary MacKillop, 'Never see a need without doing something about it', a clear process of discernment is completed by the College's Enrolment Committee when offering places at MacKillop Catholic College, Warnervale.

Parents/Guardians are requested to complete a Statement of Faith document with their enrolment application. This document is required to be completed by every family no matter the faith tradition as it provides an insight for the reasons why a family wishes to have enrolment for their child at the local Catholic School.

Parents/Guardians are reminded of the need to honour the enrolment boundaries for both Primary and Secondary students that maintain the integrity of all our local Catholic Schools. Our Enrolments Officer, Mrs Janine Silver is the most appropriate person to discuss the enrolment boundaries for our College. At the same time, we do honour the enrolment of students who have siblings at the College, as sometimes, a family's situation and residential status may have changed since their other siblings enrolled at the School.

In the case of families who are from other faith traditions or if their child is not baptized, empathy with the ideals of Catholic Education means that the family supports the Catholic lifestyle and culture of the College. This means all students are seen as equal members of the College and therefore are included in all aspects of the Catholic culture of this College. Eg. School liturgies, Feast Days, retreats and camps and formal religious education classes.

The College keeps enrolments applications open throughout the year for all grades

- Enrolment is dependent on available places and an appointment for an interview is made with the College's Enrolment Officer
- Waiting lists when necessary are actioned for families seeking enrolment at the College. We have found families in these cases most often find a place within a six to twelve month period
- Please note: If students have behaviour and/or pastoral matters these applications will be dealt with sensitivity and respect and this will mean the enrolment process may take a little longer to complete

School Tours

The College's student leaders have been trained to conduct school tours for prospective parents. Each year at the College's Open Day during Catholic Schools Week (Term One) College Tours are available for prospective families.