

Enrolment Policy

In 2019 three primary schools will provide Catholic education within the Parish of St. Peter', Epping:

- Glowrey in Wollert
- St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop in Epping North;
- St. Peter's in Epping

Each school serves the parish community by assisting the spiritual, intellectual, physical and psychological growth of young people. As a welcoming school community Glowrey provides an inclusive and safe environment focused on the wellbeing, achievement, challenge, creativity and enjoyment of each child.

Catholic education is intrinsic to the mission of the Church. It is one means by which the parish and school works in partnership to fulfill its role in assisting young people to discover and embrace the fullness of life in Christ.

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

In keeping with this concern we will ensure that our school is accessible for all Catholic families by implementing a consistent and transparent approach to enrolment.

Partnership between parents and school

Parents, as the first educators of their children, enter into a partnership with Glowrey Catholic Primary School to promote and support their child's education, in particular in faith development. While the school promotes access to a Catholic education, parents also assume a responsibility for maintaining this partnership by supporting the school in furthering the spiritual and academic life of their children.

DEFINITIONS:

Catholic Child

For the purpose of enrolment in the Parish of St. Peter's, Epping, a child is considered to be a Catholic if he/she is a member of the Catholic Church, usually established by a Certificate of Catholic Baptism.

Catholic school

A Catholic school is one that operates with the consent of the diocesan Bishop and is one where formation and education are based are based on the principles of Catholic doctrine, and the teachers are outstanding in true doctrine and uprightness of life.

Glowrey Catholic Primary School is a Child Safe School

GUIDELINES FOR ENROLMENT

The following list provides an agreed order of priority for enrolment in Catholic primary schools in the parish of St. Peter's, Epping. The order of priority is:

- 1. Catholic children who are residents of the parish and reside within the catchment area of the school to which enrolment is sought.
- 2. Siblings of children already enrolled within the school to which enrolment is sought.
- 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).
- 5. Children from non-Catholic Eastern churches who reside in the parish.
- 6. Children from non-Catholic Eastern churches who reside outside the
- 7. Other Christian children who reside in the parish.
- 8. Other Christian children who reside outside the parish.
- 9. Non-Christian children who reside in the parish.
- 10. Non-Christian children who reside outside the parish.

EXERCISE OF PASTORAL DISCRETION IN ENROLMENT DECISIONS

Local pastoral discretion is an important element of decision-making with regard to enrolment in the Parish of St. Peter's Catholic Parish. Therefore, while bearing in mind the above criteria, the Parish Priest and the principals of the Catholic schools will exercise some flexibility with respect to enrolment decisions where pastoral discretion may be deemed necessary.

Families wishing to enroll in the school that is outside of their residential catchment area (as shown on map), are required to discuss this request with the principal of the school that is located in their residential catchment area.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

At the time of lodging an application for enrolment parents/guardians need to make an explicit commitment to the following responsibilities:

- 1. All parents/guardians enrolling their children in a Catholic school in Glowrey should complete the school's Application for Enrolment form and return it by the end of the due date as identified each year. This does not guarantee enrolment in the school.
- 2. Parents/guardians must be prepared to support the school in the catholic education of their children and involve themselves as much as possible.

- 3. Parents/guardians must recognise and be prepared to meet their financial responsibilities for the ongoing enrolment of the child. (Any difficulties in this regard should be discussed with the principal).
- 4. Parents/guardians must advise the principal of any Court Order(s) that may exist in regard to the child, or any changes to such Court Order(s) and provide a copy of the Court Order(s) and any subsequent changes for the child's school file.
- 5. Parents/guardians must supply the school with either the original or certified copy of the following documents:
 - (a) Health Immunisation Certificate
 - (b) Birth Certificate or Passport
 - (c) Baptism Certificate
 - (d) Proof of residence (eg: rates notice, driver's license, utility bill)
 - (e) Visa if a newly or recently arrived student in Australia

Glowrey School Catchment Map

