



Terms & Conditions of Enrolment

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1. Enrolment

To meet school and government requirements, you will need to provide the school with a completed enrolment form including, among other things, the information listed below:

- a. names and addresses of the child and parents/guardians; telephone numbers (home, work, mobile) of parents/guardians;
- b. names of emergency contacts and their details;
- c. information on additional learning needs (for example, whether your child requires additional support in relation to mobility, language, social skills development, welfare needs, challenging behaviours, adjustments to the curriculum, etc.)
- d. medical conditions;
- e. specific residence arrangements;
- f. parenting agreements or court orders, including any guardianship orders
- g. nationality and/or citizenship including the visa subclass granted upon entry to Australia (prior to citizenship being granted) where applicable;
- h. the College enrolls students in accordance with relevant anti-discrimination legislation and ensures decisions are made in a consistent and equitable manner.
- i. a minimum of one term's written notice must be provided for withdrawal from the school. Failure to do so may result in a charge equivalent to one term's fees.

After lodgment of the on-line enrolment form, school staff may need to request further information, for example in relation to any parenting orders, medical conditions or additional learning needs that you have noted on the enrolment form. In addition, it is often useful for parents/guardians to attend a meeting with school staff prior to enrolment to discuss any additional needs your child may have.

2. Fees

2.1. The setting of fee levels and other compulsory charges in Catholic schools is the responsibility of the school, taking into account the allocation of government funds. The school offers a number of methods for paying fees to reduce any financial burden and to assist financial planning. If you have difficulty in meeting the required fee payment, you are welcome to discuss this with the Business Manager and/or Principal of the school.

2.2. The fees must be paid for a child to continue to be enrolled at the school. The school has discretion whether to allow a child to participate in optional or extracurricular school events, such as paid school excursions or extracurricular activities, while fees remain due and payable.

2.3. The school may at its sole discretion determine not to continue an enrolment for the following school year should fees and other compulsory charges remain outstanding for greater than six months.



3. Terms of enrolment regarding acceptable behaviour

3.1 The school community recognizes that everyone has the right to be respected, to feel safe and be safe; and, in this regard, understands their rights and acknowledges their obligation to behave responsibly.

3.2. Every person at the school has a right to feel safe, to be happy and to learn; therefore, we aim to:

- a) promote the values of honesty, fairness and respect for others
- b) acknowledge the worth of all members of the community and their right to work and learn in a positive environment
- c) maintain good order and harmony
- d) affirm cooperation as well as responsible independence in learning
- e) foster self-discipline and develop responsibility for one's own behaviour.

3.3. The school administration, in consultation with the school community wherever appropriate, will prescribe standards of dress, appearance and behaviour for the student body. As a term of your child's enrolment, parents and guardians are expected to comply with the school's behaviour aims and code of conduct, and to support the school in upholding prescribed standards of dress, appearance and behaviour.

3.4. Unacceptable behaviour by a child, or repeated behaviour by a parent or guardian that, in the school's view, is unacceptable and damaging to the partnership between parent/guardian and school, may result in suspension or termination of the child's enrolment.

3.5 The College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all students and enforces compliance with the Child Safe Standards. Parents/guardians and students must agree to adhere to all child safety policies and procedures in line with Ministerial Order No. 1359.


4. Terms of enrolment regarding provision of accurate information

4.1. It is vitally important that the school is made aware of each child's individual circumstances insofar as these may impact upon their physical, functional, emotional or educational needs, particularly where the school is required to provide additional support to the child.

4.2. Parents and guardians must provide accurate and up-to-date information when completing an enrolment form and must supply the school with any additional information as may be requested, including copies of documents such as medical/specialist reports (where relevant to the child's schooling), reports from previous schools, court orders or parenting agreements. Provision of requested documentation is regarded as a condition of enrolment, and enrolment may be refused where a parent/guardian has unreasonably refused to provide requested information or knowingly withheld relevant information from the school.

4.3. Where, during the course of a child's enrolment, new information becomes available that is material to the child's educational and/or safety/wellbeing needs, it is a term of the child's continuing enrolment that such information is provided to the school promptly.



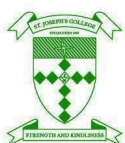


4.4. The provision of an inaccurate residential address or failure to provide an updated residential address for the child will also be treated as a breach of the terms of enrolment.

4.5 Information collected via this enrolment will be managed in accordance with the school's Privacy Policy, available via the Registrar.

5. Assessment and updates

5.1 . Various opportunities are provided to keep you up to date with your child's progress. You will receive two comprehensive written reports each year and arrangements will be made for at least one interview where you can discuss your child's development with their teacher. In addition, you can always contact the school to arrange a meeting if you have any concerns or wish to receive an update on progress.





Agreement

I acknowledge that I understand and accept the terms and conditions of enrolment. I agree that there are certain expectations, obligations and guarantees required of parents/guardians of the school's students, so that a harmonious relationship may be established:

- I will support and abide by school policies and rules, as amended from time to time, in relation to programs of studies, sports, pastoral care, school uniform, acceptable behaviour, child safety, discipline and general operations of the school
- I will ensure that the information I have provided is kept up to date throughout the period of enrolment and I will notify the school promptly of any changes to that information (e.g. change of residential address, changes to parenting orders)
- I will pay the current school fees and levies for my child and also pay any variation or increase of fees and levies as per the payment methods provided by the school, or I will otherwise notify the school immediately if I am experiencing financial difficulties.
- I will support my child's participation in the religious life of the school (e.g. school liturgies, retreat programs)
- I will attend parent/teacher and information evenings which relate to my child
- In the event I have any concerns, I will raise them initially with the relevant teacher or the school principal
- I will treat all members of the school community with respect as befits a Catholic school
- If in time of emergencies, accidents or serious illness I cannot be contacted, I give permission for the principal (or their representative) to seek medical attention for my child as required (which may include transportation to the nearest hospital, medical centre or doctor by ambulance or private vehicle). I also understand that the signatories below are required to meet any costs incurred
- As a parent/guardian, I understand that if this application is successful, I will support the vision of the school and parish. In accepting the enrolment, I agree to abide by all of the school's policies, procedures and protocols (Policies). These Policies are reviewed regularly and may be subject to change at the school's discretion. I will work with the school to support any academic/social/behavioural needs of my child. I agree to support my child's participation in the religious life of the school (e.g. school liturgies, Masses etc.). The consequence of not complying with the school's Policies may result in the termination of the enrolment.
- As a parent/guardian I am entitled to raise concerns via the school's complaints handling process, which is available on request or via the school website.

I understand that if any misleading information has been provided, or any omission of significant information is made in the application for enrolment, acceptance will not be granted; or, if discovered after acceptance, enrolment may be withdrawn.

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