



ENROLMENT POLICY

STATEMENT

Guided by its Mission Statement, St Bernard's Catholic School furthers the educational mission of the church as a part of the Upper Mount Gravatt-Wishart parish community. The school provides educational opportunities to students from varying cultural and socio-economic backgrounds and faith traditions whose families demonstrate that they share in the expressed values of the school.

St Bernard's Catholic School is committed to supporting each child's development in an environment founded upon Catholic Christian values and aims to ensure success for all learners.

RATIONALE

St Bernard's Catholic School recognises the role of parents/caregivers and families as the primary educators of their children. The school works in partnership with parents/caregivers and families to share the responsibility to nurture the development of each student and to provide an authentic experience of Catholic community. In partnership with the Parish the school is committed to providing high quality inclusive schooling as a visible expression of the mission of the parish. Enrolment places are offered to Catholic families of Upper Mount Gravatt-Wishart parish who share in the values, vision and mission of Parish Community, Catholics of other local parishes, and families of other faiths who support and value catholic beliefs and faith traditions.

Special consideration may be given for enrolment for sibling groups as well as students with additional needs.

The enrolment of children with additional educational needs is conducted in accordance with Brisbane Catholic Education Enrolment Support Guidelines.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents seeking enrolment should:

- Refer to the Enrolment Outline page on the school website [Enrolment Information \(stbernards.qld.edu.au\)](http://stbernards.qld.edu.au)
- contact the school (either by phone, web/email or in person) to request a tour of the school. Enrolment information is available via school website <https://www.stbernards.qld.edu.au/>
- read through the Enrolment Information via website [Enrolment Information \(stbernards.qld.edu.au\)](http://stbernards.qld.edu.au)
- complete the Enrolment Form ([Brisbane Catholic Education School Application for Enrolment \(bne.catholic.edu.au\)](http://bne.catholic.edu.au)) and submit this along with providing copies of documents to the School.

Originals of these documents must be sighted at the school office prior to, or at, an interview.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- St Bernard's Catholic School's Vision and Mission Statement
- School Annual Plan
- Enrolment of Students in Catholic Schools Policy – June 2013
- Collaboration for Mission: The Parish and the Catholic School – 2014
- The Administration of Parish School Funds - 2014

(Link to Enrolment of Students in Catholic Schools Policy – BCE)

REVIEW

St Bernard's Enrolment Policy will be reviewed as required or as Brisbane Catholic Education requirements/guidelines change.

POLICY ENDORSEMENT

St Bernard's Enrolment Policy takes effect as of March 2019, and is endorsed by the School Board and may be reviewed in response to enrolment trends.

OUR VISION

Learning is child-centred, where children are prepared as life-long learners to meet challenges as compassionate Christian members of our community.

OUR MISSION

- To develop and nurture an environment where children learn about themselves, their world and God:
- By working in partnership with families, staff and the parish community
 - By valuing the diversity of all members of our community
 - By experiencing and living a Christian life in the Catholic faith.