

St Bernard's School

St Bernard's Catholic school, founded by the Sisters of St Joseph, shares in the educational mission of the church as part of St Bernard's Parish

St Bernard's Catholic School – Enrolment Policy

Statement

Guided by its Mission Statement, St Bernard's Catholic School furthers the educational mission of the Church as part of the Upper Mount Gravatt–Wishart parish community. The school provides inclusive educational opportunities for students from diverse cultural, socio-economic, and faith backgrounds whose families demonstrate commitment to the values of the school.

St Bernard's Catholic School is dedicated to supporting each child's holistic development in an environment founded upon Catholic Christian values, with the aim of ensuring success for all learners.

Rationale

St Bernard's Catholic School acknowledges parents, caregivers, and families as the primary educators of their children. The school works in partnership with families to nurture the growth of each student and to provide an authentic experience of Catholic community life.

In collaboration with the Parish, the school is committed to delivering high-quality, inclusive education as a visible expression of the parish mission. Enrolment places are prioritised for:

- Siblings of children already at St Bernd's School.
- Catholic families of the Upper Mount Gravatt-Wishart parish who share in the values, vision, and mission of the Parish Community
- Catholic families from other local parishes
- Families of other faith traditions who support and respect Catholic beliefs and practices
- We value our special relationship with Clairvaux MacKillop College, we will give priority consideration to applications from siblings of current Clairvaux MacKillop College students.

Special consideration may be given to sibling enrolments and 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/Caregivers seeking enrolment should:

- Refer to the **Enrolment Outline** page on the school website: <u>Enrolment Information</u>
- Contact the school (via phone, email, or in person) to request a tour and obtain enrolment information
- Read through the Enrolment Information provided on the school website
- Complete the Brisbane Catholic Education School Application for Enrolment (bne.catholic.edu.au) and submit it with required supporting documents
- Ensure original documents are sighted at the school office prior to, or at, the enrolment interview

Review

This policy will be reviewed regularly, or as required, in response to changes in Brisbane Catholic Education requirements, guidelines, or enrolment trends.

Policy Endorsement This Enrolment Policy is endorsed by **St Bernard's Catholic School** and takes effect from **November 2025**. It will be reviewed periodically to ensure alignment with parish mission, community needs, and Brisbane Catholic Education directives.