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MARIAN COLLEGE ENROLMENT POLICY

Preamble

The transition from primary to secondary school is a significant milestone in the life of a young person, and the prospect of beginning secondary school can be a daunting process for a student and her family. As part of the transition and enrolment processes at the College we seek to make incoming students and their families feel welcome. It is our aim to increase a student's feelings of confidence and excitement about starting secondary school.

As a Kildare Ministries school in the Brigidine Tradition, enrolment at Marian College is on the understanding that as a Catholic School our programs are based on the principles of Catholic teaching and these principles are understood, in part, through the deep story of the Brigidine sisters. As such we expect parents and students to understand that prayer and liturgy are vital aspects of religious life at Marian College and that the teaching and values of the Catholic Church are paramount. Families must be prepared to support the school in the Catholic education of their daughters (CEM Policy 2.4).

Criteria for Enrolment

Marian College operates a non-selective enrolment policy. The College serves a multi-cultural and multi-faith community, and enrolment patterns reflect the nature of the community served.

The enrolment practices of the College draw heavily on the "Kildare Education Ministries (KEM) Criteria for Enrolment" policy. The following enrolment criteria have been developed in line with the "KEM Criteria for Enrolment" policy, and in conjunction with the CEM Enrolment 2.4.

Where demand for enrolment is higher than the number of places available in Year 7 (145) the following criteria will be applied:

1. Catholic children who are residents of a designated priority parish and who have attended a Catholic primary school.
2. Catholic children who are residents of a designated priority parish and who have not attended a Catholic primary school.
3. Sisters of students currently enrolled at Marian College.
4. Catholic children from other parishes.
5. Children from non-Catholic Eastern Churches who have attended a Catholic primary school.
6. Other Christian children who have attended a Catholic primary school.
7. Non-Christian children who have attended a Catholic primary school.
8. Children from non-Catholic Eastern Churches who have not attended a Catholic primary school.
9. Other Christian children who have not attended a Catholic primary school.
10. Non-Christian children who have not attended a Catholic primary school.

Enrolment Processes

1. Parents are required to fill in an Enrolment Application form and return this to the school before the closing date for applications (a date in August of the student's Grade 5 year).
2. Letters of offer will be posted to families in the middle of October of the student's Grade 5 year.
3. Families will need to confirm their acceptance of the offer by filling in the "Confirmation of Enrolment" form and leaving the non-refundable enrolment deposit of \$250.00 before the final date for acceptance (early November).
4. Failure to return the confirmation of offer of a Year 7 place by the stated return date will result in the applicant being placed on a waiting list.
5. All information concerning Year 7 policies, programs, uniform text books, etc., will be provided to parents of successful applicants via letters home and a new Families interview throughout the Grade 6 year.
6. In March of the Grade 5 year an invitation will be issued to families to attend an Enrolment meeting with a member of the School Leadership Team/Transition Team.

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