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## **Catholic Special Schools Inc Enrolment Policy**

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## 1 Purpose

This policy articulates the position of the Catholic Special Schools Incorporated in relation to the enrolment of children in Our Lady of La Vang School, Flinders Park and St Patrick's Special School, Dulwich.

## 2 Scope of Policy

This policy applies to:

- Our Lady of La Vang School
- St Patrick's Special School

The policy is consistent with the SACCS Enrolment Policy and Procedures 2016.

## 3 Policy

Our Lady of La Vang School and St Patrick's Special School welcome all Catholic families, as well as families from other churches and faith traditions, and non-religious backgrounds who are prepared to value and respect the ethos, values, liturgical and sacramental practices and traditions of the Catholic Church within the context of the school.

## 4 Underlying Principles

Catholic Special Schools Inc (CSSI) acknowledges that parents are the primary educators of their children, particularly in the area of faith education. On choosing enrolment into a Catholic Special School for their child, parents enter into partnership with the school focussed on the child's faith development and education. CSSI recognises that parents exercise their right to choose a Catholic education for the child (ren) dependent on enrolment vacancies and school policies.

The following underlying principles apply when considering an enrolment at Catholic Special Schools Inc, i.e. Our Lady of La Vang and St Patricks Special Schools:

- (a) the preferential option for the poor and marginalised is fundamental
- (b) a commitment to the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
- (c) a commitment to the inclusion of children with special needs
- (d) Consultation between Our Lady of La Vang and or St Patricks and other catholic schools should occur when principals consider applications from families seeking the enrolment of children who are currently attending a Catholic school.
- (e) Catholic Special Schools Inc work together to provide continuity of learning where possible for children whose parents have chosen a Catholic education for specific reasons. This includes relocation from rural communities where there is no provision of Catholic Secondary schooling.

## 5 Responsibility for implementation, monitoring, and continual improvement

Responsibility for implementation, monitoring and review of the policy is vested at the level appropriate to the following roles:

CSSI School Board	Our Lady of La Vang School and St Patrick's Special School
Chairperson of the CSSI School Board	CSSI School Board

## 6 Supporting procedures or policy support documents

The following documents are to be read in conjunction with, and are additional to, this Enrolment policy of the Catholic Special Schools Incorporated.

- Catholic Special Schools Inc Enrolment Procedures
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992

## 7 References

- SACCS Enrolment Procedures

## 8 Revision Record

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