

SECTION 1 : MISSION AND ETHOS

1.7 ENROLMENT POLICY

RATIONALE

Daramalan College exists to carry on the mission of the Church to preach the Gospel. It does so in a way which primarily addresses the faith development of students from a Catholic background but also supports the religious development of students of other faiths and challenges all with the message of the Gospel. This policy is based on the gospel values of respect and hospitality

POLICY

In keeping with the College's participation in the mission of the Church and the ministry of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, enrolment procedures at Daramalan are guided by a deeply Christian and actively Catholic ethos. The College accepts students in a non-discriminatory manner but only on the condition that they are prepared to respect the religious dimension of the College and to participate in its Religious Education programme, retreats and liturgical celebrations.

APPLICATION

1. The College will endeavour to ensure that parents and students accept in more than a superficial manner the values on which the College is based. Parents and students will enter into a covenant with the College to support its goals and values, meet contractual obligations and accept its reasonable expectations with regard to conduct both within and outside of the College.
2. Enrolments will be at the discretion of the Principal. The following points provide a guide:
 - a. Initial preference is given to "family" students, such as those who have brothers or sisters currently attending Daramalan, those whose parents or siblings attended Daramalan or another MSC school, children of staff members, or students who are re-enrolling.
 - b. Preference will then be given to Catholic students from Catholic Primary Schools; Catholic students whose parents are members of a local parish community in rural areas where a Catholic school is not available; and Catholic students from interstate whose parents have demonstrated a long-term commitment to Catholic education.
 - c. Preference will then be given to non-Catholic students who have spent at least two years in Catholic primary schools, or have demonstrated long-term commitment to Catholic education elsewhere.
 - d. Others by discretion.

3. Notwithstanding the above, students are enrolled on their own merits. That a parent or sibling has been enrolled at the College neither guarantees nor excludes enrolment automatically. Attendance at another Catholic school does not guarantee enrolment at Daramalan automatically, nor does place of residence preclude enrolment.
4. The College will not refuse enrolment simply because of a record of serious misbehaviour at another school. However, enrolment in such a case may be on a trial basis and only if there is no apparent risk of harm to other students and staff and if resources are available to address the student's specific needs.
5. No student shall be prevented from enrolling at the College simply because of an inability to pay full fees. However failure to pay fees without good cause may result in cancellation of enrolment. In all questions of fee payment the good of the student, the dignity of the individual, confidentiality and justice are the predominant considerations.
6. The College welcomes students with disabilities. It will work with parents to ensure that resources and expertise can cater adequately for the student's disability.
7. Whilst every effort is made to accommodate the needs of other schools within the local Church, enrolments are maintained at a level which accords with the sound financial development of the College and proper use of its resources. Enrolment will also be maintained in such a way as not to compromise the quality of pastoral care within the College nor its academic excellence.
8. Daramalan College works with the Catholic Education Commission on enrolments into Year 7.

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