



Enrolment Policy

College Mission

Cabra Dominican College is a Catholic school in the Dominican tradition. It strives to provide an environment that nurtures and develops young people's unique gifts: liberating them in the search for truth and empowering them to create a better world. Cabra Dominican College is committed to providing an environment in which all students feel welcomed, safe and valued.

Context

Cabra Dominican College welcomes applications from all families seeking a Catholic education for their child/ren. In realising its mission and vision Cabra provides a dynamic learning environment and a rich variety of experiences for its students. As a Catholic school in the Dominican tradition Cabra has a preferential option for the poor that is reflected in its efforts to provide access to learning for families from a wide range of financial and social circumstances. Since our establishment in 1886 we have always enjoyed working in partnership with parents/caregivers from different backgrounds.

Policy Statement

Cabra Dominican College aims to provide clarity around the criteria and procedures involved in the enrolment process. All students who are eligible to attend Cabra Dominican College and fit the enrolment criteria will be welcome to enrol.

Scope

This policy applies to all students, parents/caregivers and is supported by staff working within or for Cabra Dominican College.

Principles

Cabra Dominican College has one main intake in Year 7. Cabra supports the enrolment pathways of the South West Adelaide region (SWA) and other local parish schools. We use following criteria to guide our decisions regarding enrolment priorities:

- students attending local Catholic parish schools and South West Adelaide (SWA) parish schools;
- students from other Catholic schools, and particularly other Dominican schools;
- students with siblings currently enrolled at Cabra;
- children of old scholars;
- students from Catholic families in other sectors including government and independent schools;
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Responsibilities

The Executive Leadership Team will:

- recognise and support parents as the primary educators of their children, particularly in the area of faith education;
- give preferential option for the poor and marginalised, and for refugees;
- be committed to the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children where possible;
- be committed to the inclusion of children with special needs where possible;
- ensure enrolments for interstate transfers from other Dominican colleges are expedited.

Parents/caregivers will:

- enter into partnership with the school;
- submit a child's application at least two years prior to the student commencing at Cabra, where possible;
- include the following to assist the application:
 - application fee;

- copy of the student's birth certificate;
- if born overseas, a copy of the student's immigration visa subclass number or Australian citizenship certificate;
- copy of sacramental certificates (where applicable);
- copy of most recent school report;
- copy of most recent NAPLAN report;
- copy of any court orders or related information regarding custody of the child (where applicable);
- copies of documents relating to special needs (specialist reports, diagnosis, action plans etc.) where applicable, must also be submitted with the application.

The College Registrar will:

- ensure the Cabra Enrolment Procedure is followed for each applicant;
- communicate with the Executive Leadership Team when any special circumstances arise;
- maintain honest and open communication with families regarding the status of their application;
- ensure the Cabra Enrolment Procedure is available on the college website.

Related Documents and References

- Cabra Dominican College Enrolment Procedure
- SACCS Enrolment Policy and Procedure
- Disability Discrimination Act (1992) http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/cth/consol_act/dda1992264/
- Disability Standards (2005)
http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/Programs/Documents/Disability_Standards_for_Education_2005_pdf.pdf
- Equal Opportunity Act (SA) 1984 http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/sa/consol_act/eoa1984250/

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