

ENROLMENT POLICY

Catholic Schools exist to educate Catholic children in a Christian environment where, in addition to the provision of a good education, there are opportunities for the expression of the Church's Pastoral Ministry.

In doing so James Sheahan Catholic High School

- ◆ Recognises that parents and teachers work in partnership for the development of their children
- ◆ Recognises the need to develop mutual support, trust and collaboration among students, staff, pastors and the broader community
- ◆ Establishes and nurtures a school climate which is faith centred.

The essential requirement for enrolment at James Sheahan is that a student and his or her family are prepared to support these principles in practice. There is no entrance examination (except for diagnostic purposes, so that any appropriate help may be given), nor any requirement that a student be of exceptional academic ability. While priority must be given to children from families who are actively Catholic, or who have already shown a commitment to Catholic schooling, we welcome families of other religions or denominations, especially when they are committed members of their own church community and we value their contribution to our growth as a Christian community.

Parents who are thinking of applying for the enrolment of their children at James Sheahan are invited to consider the following questions:

- ◆ Do I support the Christian values the school attempts to teach?
- ◆ Am I prepared to encourage my child to achieve his or her faith potential in all dimensions of school life?

Am I willing to:

- ◆ Become involved in the school
- ◆ Participate in school activities
- ◆ Become a member of the P&F
- ◆ Attend school functions?
- ◆ Develop good communication with the school?

Can I convey to my child my conviction that a study of religion is an important part of education?

Am I able to support the policies of the school? eg. Uniform, Discipline and Student Welfare, the Catholic nature of our school. Mindful that the School's running expenses and funds for capital development come almost entirely from parish funds and school fees, am I prepared to give priority to the regular payment of required fees and levies?

Determining preference

In accepting applications for enrolment, preference will be given to those who can show that they are able in their own way to respond and contribute to all that James Sheahan offers as a Catholic school and a Christian community.

Enrolment Guidelines - Priority is given to:

- ◆ Catholic students from our feeder schools and other parishes (St Joseph's and St Mary's, Orange, St Joseph's Molong and Manildra) whose families have been fully supportive of their primary school and parish.
- ◆ Catholic students from other parishes within the larger geographic area and beyond who have attended Catholic schools.
- ◆ Catholic students from the State school system whose parents want their children to have a Catholic High School education and indicate support for the ethos of the school.
- ◆ Siblings of existing students whose families have been supportive of school policies.
- ◆ Non Catholic children from other schools whose families make a commitment to the ethos and policies of the school.
- ◆ Students whose attitude and behaviour show they will contribute positively to the Catholic School environment.

