Enrolment Criteria Policy

**Aim:** To support families in the early learning and development of their children during the preschool years within a Catholic learning environment.

**Eligibility for enrolment:**

Children are eligible for enrolment from the beginning of the year if they are at least three years of age on or before the first day of the NSW school year. If vacancies exist, children are eligible for enrolment on or after their third birthday throughout the year.

**Selection process**

To ensure enrolments are offered equitably each enrolment is assessed through an application and interview process conducted by the Director of the centre.

While children from all families who are prepared to support the religious principles and ideals of the Catholic school may be considered eligible for enrolment, where the number of children applying exceeds the number of places available, names may be placed on a waiting list. Priority shall be given to children:

- in the year before school
- with additional needs
- from low income families
- at risk of harm
- of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- from cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- with disabilities

Special consideration will be given to children within the parish who would normally be eligible for enrolment in parish Catholic Schools, children from adjoining Catholic parishes and children from outside the local parish boundary who have siblings enrolled at local parish Catholic schools. Children who would not normally be eligible for priority of enrolment in a Catholic school are welcome to apply.

Enrolment in a Catholic Early Learning Centre does not guarantee enrolment in Kindergarten at a Catholic Primary School.