ADMISSION POLICY FOR ENROLMENT

ENROLMENT CRITERIA

Parents who are willing to support the religious principles and practices of the Catholic faith are eligible to apply to enrol their children at Mater Dei Catholic Primary School.

The Wagga Wagga Diocese is divided into parishes in an effort to meet the needs and rights of all Catholic families. When a person is baptised, they have certain rights to the Sacraments of the Church – but, they also need to participate in their parish to be part of that community into which they were baptised. Schools, like parishes, have an area zoned to them, to give all children of active Catholic families an opportunity for a Catholic education. Schools are designed to meet the needs of the people of that particular parish. To that end, at this school, when applications exceed the number of available places, enrolment priority will be given to those applicants who fulfil the following criteria, working downwards from a-h.

  a. Siblings of existing students, provided they meet readiness requirements.
  b. Catholic children whose family are active parishioners and whose family support Sacred Heart Kooringal Parish, and reside within the Mater Dei Catholic Primary School residential zone.
  c. Catholic children outside Sacred Heart Parish but whose family are active parishioners of Sacred Heart Kooringal Parish, will be considered for placement at either of the Kooringal Parish schools. An application should also be made at the parish school you are residentially zoned to.
  d. Catholic children, who reside in the Mater Dei Catholic Primary School residential zone and meet readiness requirements.
  e. Catholic children who live in the Sacred Heart Kooringal Parish, but outside the Mater Dei zone. An application should also be made at Sacred Heart School.
  f. Catholic children from other parishes. An application should also be made at your Parish School.
  g. Children of other faiths, who reside within Mater Dei residential zone. An application should also be made at your local primary school.
  h. Children of other faiths, who reside outside the Mater Dei residential zone. An application should also be made at your local primary school.

PLEASE NOTE

In final determinations, age and readiness of applicants will be taken into account (oldest applicants are given preference in Kindergarten enrolments). Consideration for siblings will be given providing criteria and readiness are met. In extenuating circumstances, other applicants may be considered at the discretion of the Parish Priest and Principal. In the event that applications for enrolment far exceed available places, interviews may only be offered to Parish Catholic families in the first instance. Baptismal, Birth and Immunisation certificates must accompany your application for enrolment. Proof of residential address must also be provided when your lodge your application for enrolment e.g. phone bill, electricity or gas bill. At the close of the enrolment period, all applicants will receive correspondence regarding the interview period. Sacred Heart Parish has been responsible for the building of the school and continues a financial responsibility for any capital works. To repay the Parish, enrolled families are required to pay a Sacred Heart Parish levy of $200 per family per year. This contribution is paid directly to the Parish that supports our school community, spiritually, pastorally and financially.

Admission to Kindergarten

1. There is one general admission of pupils to Kindergarten each year in Term 1
2. A priority order for enrolment will be made based on religion, parish support, address, age and assessment of readiness at time of interview
3. Children who turn five years of age after 30th March may not be considered for enrolment before the first term of the following year.
4. Offers of enrolment will be made after taking all of the above matters into consideration.

You are welcome to contact us to make an enquiry. Please note that waiting lists apply to most of our Year levels.

* Please Note— You may choose to obtain a reference from Fr Bernie Thomas at Sacred Heart Kooringal Parish, or from the Parish Priest at the Parish where you attend Mass, to support your application for enrolment.