

Our Lady of Sion College

Enrolment Policy

This policy is developed within the Enrolment Guidelines for the Archdiocese of Melbourne as they apply to Catholic secondary schools. The policy is also designed to be compatible with the ideals and practices of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion. The College Mission calls us to be people who build bridges with others and remain open to change and therefore this Enrolment Policy is sensitive to people of other faiths and cultures and minority groups. The Charism of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion is to keep alive in the Church and the world the awareness of the Jewish origins of Christianity and the important place of interfaith dialogue in our world.

Principles

To provide a Catholic education for Catholic girls.

Formation and education at the College is based on the principles of Catholic faith within the Sionian Charism.

Parents, as the first educators of their daughter, enter into a partnership with the College to promote and support their daughter's education, in particular their education in faith.

The College offers a broad, comprehensive curriculum imbued with an authentic Catholic understanding of the Word of God, as well as a lived appreciation of membership of the Catholic Church.

The College cooperates and collaborates appropriately with other Catholic Schools to support the provision of Catholic Education.

Flexibility with respect to enrolment decisions may be exercised where pastoral discretion is deemed necessary.

Implementation

Publish our enrolment criteria on the College website and enrolment brochures.

Applications for admission into Year 7 are accepted via the official Enrolment Application Form in accordance with the dates published by Catholic Education Melbourne.

Any girl who will complete Year 6 level of schooling or its equivalent is eligible to apply for admission to Our Lady of Sion College at Year Seven level. Applications will also be accepted for other levels from students who have attained the appropriate level of education.

Applicants will be ranked in an 'Order of Acceptance for Enrolment' as follows:

1. Catholic children who are residents of a designated priority parish and have attended a Catholic primary school in one of those parishes.
2. Applicants who have sisters at the College.
3. Applicants who are daughters of past students.
4. Applicants who are relatives of members of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion.



5. Catholic children who are residents of a designated priority parish and have not attended a Catholic school.
6. Catholic children from other parishes.
7. Children from non-Catholic Eastern churches who have attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a priority parish.
8. Children from non-Catholic Eastern churches who have not attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a priority parish.
9. Other Christian children who have attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a priority parish.
10. Other Christian children who have not attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a priority parish.
11. Non-Christian children who have attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a priority parish.
12. Non-Christian children who have not attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a priority parish.

The Year 7 Catholic secondary schools enrolment process involves exchanging basic information about applicants. Schools work together in this way to ensure that only one offer of a place for Year 7 for each child is made.

Places at Year 7 level will be offered according to the procedures established in this policy and by agreement with the principals of Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Principal shall exercise discretionary power within this policy where specific consideration for a particular applicant is appropriate.

For further information, refer to the [Year 7 Enrolment Information brochure](#), available on our website or in hard copy from our College Registrar.

