

## **ENROLMENT**

# **POLICY**

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#### 1. VISION STATEMENT

St Francis de Sales College aspires to be a leader in education serving the Adelaide Hills community. Grounded in our Catholic values and in partnership with families, all community members are known and loved as an individual made in the image of God.

Providing a contemporary and inclusive education, relationship and engagement empowers students to be self-motivated creative and courageous learners.

Our students' growth mindset inspires them to achieve their personal best in all aspects of their school life and develops confident graduates eager to impact their local and global community.

#### 2. OUR MISSION

"Be who you are and be that well" - St Francis de Sales

#### 3. SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to articulate the position of St Francis de Sales College in relation to the enrolment of children from Reception to Year 12.

Catholic schools in South Australia welcome all Catholic families, as well as families from other churches and faith traditions, and non-religious backgrounds who are prepared to value and respect the ethos, values, liturgical and sacramental practices and traditions of the Catholic Church within the context of the school.

#### 4. POLICY PRINCIPLES

- (a) The preferential option for the poor and marginalized, as identified in Catholic Social Teaching, is fundamental to St Francis de Sales College.
- (b) St Francis de Sales College is committed to the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children where possible.
- (c) St Francis de Sales College is committed to the inclusion of children with special needs where possible.
- (d) Parents are the primary educators of their children, particularly in the area of faith education. On choosing enrolment into St Francis de Sales College for their child, parents enter into partnership with the school focussed on the child's faith development and education.
- (e) St Francis de Sales College recognises that parents exercise their right to choose a Catholic education for their child(ren) dependent on enrolment vacancies. Consultation between schools should occur when applications are received from families seeking the enrolment of children who are currently attending another Catholic school.
- (f) St Francis de Sales College works to provide continuity of learning where possible for children whose parents have chosen a Catholic education for specific reasons. This includes relocation from rural communities where there is no provision of Catholic Secondary schooling.
- (g) St Francis de Sales College recognises the collegial and interdependent nature of our CESA school network, and its responsibility to other Catholic schools to carefully consider the impact of their enrolment policy and practices on sustainable level of enrolments for each school.