



# ST VIRGIL'S COLLEGE

*A Catholic boys school in the Edmund Rice tradition*

# Enrolment Policy



EDMUND RICE EDUCATION  
AUSTRALIA

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The character of St Virgil's College as a Catholic school in the tradition of Edmund Rice relies upon a commitment to the ethos of the College and is foundational to the process for student enrolment.

**RATIONALE:**

In applying for enrolment at St Virgil's College parents and students will commit to the mission of a Catholic school for boys in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice.

The policy is reflective of the College's values of community, justice and respect:

- Community – we foster a culture of enduring relationships by showing compassion, acting with integrity and building connections with each other, our faith community and our environment.
- Justice - we are committed to providing learning opportunities which allow students and staff to reach their potential. Through acceptance, forgiveness and an awareness of social justice, we strive to serve others, particularly the marginalised in our local and global communities.
- Respect – we take pride in our history and tradition by honouring our learning and caring for ourselves, each other and creation.

**PRINCIPLES:**

The Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission Policy for Enrolment in Tasmanian Catholic Schools (2012) gives the broad guidelines for enrolment that will apply for St Virgil's as for other Catholic Schools. The policy is available at <http://catholic.tas.edu.au/key-documents/enrolment-policy-2014-final>

Reference should also be made to the Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) Student Inclusion Policy - <http://www.erea.edu.au/docs/default-source/about-erea/policies/student-inclusion-policy.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

1. St Virgil's College welcomes enrolments from all families.
2. Enrolment of any student at St Virgil's is dependent upon a clear acceptance by the parents and student of the expectations of the College that they will respect through words and deeds the Catholic ethos of the College and the touchstones of The Charter for Edmund Rice schools..
3. Positions are subject to the Colleges ability to provide places and an educational programme suitable to the needs of the student.
4. In line with Principle 6.1 and 6.3 of the TCEC Enrolment Policy, the Principal reserves the right to consider any special circumstances relevant to determining whether a position will be offered in line with the overarching TCEC Enrolment Policy (2014).
  - 4.1 Therefore in circumstances where there are insufficient places at the College to take all applicants (and acknowledging the Principal's right to consider

special circumstances), students will be offered places of enrolment in the following priority order:

- Baptised Catholic boys (and boys from other Orthodox traditions) attending Catholic schools who have completed the sacraments of confirmation, eucharist and reconciliation;
- Baptised Catholic boys (and boys from other Orthodox traditions) attending non-Catholic schools who have completed the sacraments of confirmation, eucharist and reconciliation;
- Baptised Catholic boys (and boys from other Orthodox traditions) attending Catholic schools who have not completed the above mentioned sacraments.
- Baptised Catholic boys (and boys from other Orthodox traditions) attending non-Catholic schools who have not completed the abovementioned sacraments.
- Brothers of boys currently attending the College.
- Non-Catholic boys currently enrolled in a Catholic primary school;
- Sons of Old Virgilians, attending a government or independent school.
- Non-Catholic boys with siblings at other Catholic schools;
- Baptised boys from other religious traditions who are active within their parish and appreciate and are prepared to support the Catholic ethos of the College.
- Non-baptised boys who have no connection with a recognised faith tradition.

Any increases in the number of positions offered at a year level will be approved by the Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission (TCEC) following an application from the Principal, following approval from the Board of St Virgil's College.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

##### **Board**

The Board has the responsibility to ensure compliance with this policy.

##### **Policy Committee**

The Policy Committee has the responsibility for the development of procedures that guide the implementation of this policy.

##### **Principal**

The Principal has the responsibility to ensure that this policy and its procedures are in place.

#### **REVIEW:**

This policy was reviewed in 2016 and will be reviewed next in 2020 or at an earlier time determined by the Board.