



ENROLMENT GUIDELINES

The educational vision of Loreto Schools springs from the Gospel of Jesus Christ....This is our vision: that Loreto Schools offer a Catholic education which liberates, empowers and motivates students to use their individual gifts with confidence, creativity and generosity in loving and responsible service.

Loreto Schools of Australia Mission Statement 1998 (Revised 2010)

RATIONALE

Loreto Normanhurst provides an education within the Catholic, and specifically Loreto tradition. Mary Ward's values of justice, sincerity, truth, felicity and freedom, as well as a deep respect and active encouragement for the contribution of women, underpin the mission of our School and every aspect of School life.

Loreto Normanhurst seeks to be a place where our Catholic Christian faith is fostered and developed. We endeavour to be a School where all people are invited to grow in their knowledge and love of God and to embrace the gospel. Each year, this invitation is extended to new students and their families.

PRINCIPLES

1. Loreto Normanhurst will select students for enrolment based on a range of considerations including the date of application for enrolment. All decisions regarding enrolments are at the discretion of the Principal.
2. Primary consideration will be given to congruence with Catholic values and the ethos of the School. That will generally include consideration of factors such as:
 - a. baptism into the Catholic faith;
 - b. family connection with Loreto Normanhurst, including sisters of current or past students and daughters or granddaughters of past students.
 - c. families whose values are congruent with those of Loreto Normanhurst.
 - d. level of involvement of the Applicant and her family in their Catholic parish or faith community and commitment to Christian life and values.
3. As part of the enrolment consideration process, families are asked to provide evidence of involvement in the broad mission of the Church and involvement in the community. This will take the form of a guided reference from a person in an appropriate position, such as Parish priest or minister, the Principal of a School, a representative of a community-based organisation or a current Loreto family.
4. Loreto Normanhurst strongly values diversity and inclusion, and in selecting students for enrolment, consideration may also be given to the following:
 - a. a number of places being set aside for boarding students in each year group;
 - b. the degree of isolation in the case of applicants for boarding places and to families transferring from interstate or overseas;



- c. information pertaining to the student's attitude to, and active involvement in learning and commitment at school with a contribution across Faith, Academic, Community and Extra-curricular (the Loreto Normanhurst FACE Curriculum).
5. The School enrolls Catholic families as well as those from other faith backgrounds. All families are expected to support the Catholic, and specifically Loreto, ethos of the School.
6. Loreto Normanhurst recognises the uniqueness of each student. The whole School community benefits when the diversity of strengths and needs of individuals is acknowledged and catered for. Therefore, the School is not academically selective. The School endeavours to provide for the specific needs, educational and other, of a student seeking enrolment. Parents/Carers may be asked to provide expert opinion from independent specialists to inform the identification of educational needs and adjustments that may be required, and will be considered, in determining the decision. The decision on whether the student is to be enrolled will generally be made collaboratively with the Parents/Carers based on the School's ability to cater for the student's needs. The final decision in matters of enrolment rests with the Principal.
7. Loreto Schools fulfil their mission in partnership with parents, who are the first educators of their children, and it is expected that parents will be actively involved in their children's education at the School. This involvement may take a variety of forms.
8. Continued enrolment is dependent upon certain prerequisites such as attendance, behavior, payment of fees and the student and the parent/carer(s) observing all codes of conduct and other requirements of the School which are applicable from time to time. This information is set out in the Loreto Normanhurst Terms and Conditions of Enrolment signed by both parents at the point of acceptance of enrolment.
9. Information regarding the School and student body can be found on the My School website www.myschool.edu.au

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This policy appears in the Annual Report, on the School's website and HR Portal.