

ENROLMENT POLICY

St Columba's is a Catholic Secondary College for young women. It educates these young women in the tradition of the Sisters of Charity and within a Mary Aikenhead governance structure, and as such it recognises the dignity of the individual and the importance of family. Outreach to the poor and the marginalised is a foundational value in the College's mission. The enrolment process at St Columba's operates within the framework of the Archdiocesan Enrolment Guidelines of the Catholic Education Office Melbourne.

An application for enrolment may be made for a girl only after she has commenced Preparatory.

A non-refundable Application Fee is payable and the application must be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's Catholic Baptismal Certificate, and birth certificate.

ENROLMENT PRIORITY

In processing applications for entry at Year 7, the priority for entry will be:

1. Sisters of students currently enrolled in the College, or of former students who have completed their secondary education at the College. The sister should be a Catholic student in a Catholic primary school.
2. Catholic students who are daughters of former students and who are attending a Catholic primary school.
3. Catholic students from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ancestry.
4. Catholic students living in one of the following priority parishes, and attending the Catholic parish primary school:

Airport West	St Christopher's PS, Airport West St Augustine's PS, Keilor
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Ascot Vale	St Mary's PS, Ascot Vale St Margaret's PS, Maribyrnong
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Avondale Heights	St Martin de Porres PS, Avondale Heights
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Essendon	St Therese's PS, Essendon Resurrection House PS, Essendon
Essendon West	Our Lady of the Nativity PS, Essendon West
Keilor East	St Peter's PS, Keilor East
Moonee Ponds	St Monica's PS, Moonee Ponds
Niddrie	St John Bosco's PS, Niddrie
Oak Park	St Francis de Sales PS, Oak Park
Strathmore	St Vincent de Paul's PS, Strathmore

5. Catholic students living in a priority parish and attending a government, other non-government, or a Catholic school outside the priority parishes.
6. Other:
 - Catholic students living in a non-priority parish and attending the parish school.
 - Orthodox students living in and attending a priority parish school.
 - Any other applicants.

The offer of enrolment is at the discretion of the Principal who will consider each case on its merits in light of enrolment priorities and the College Mission Statement, and taking into account any special circumstances.