

## St Luke's Primary School

### Enrolment Policy

The Catholic Church offers the opportunity for the education of the whole child through the Catholic Primary School, the mission of the school is to be seen in the context of the Catholic Vision of the fully developed person.

The Church through its school can provide an education in which religion is not just an added dimension but in which faith affects every facet of life.

The Catholic school is committed to providing a schooling that enables the integrated development of the human person.

Achieving the educational aims of the school should be an equal priority for teachers, students and families alike, each according to his or her role, always in the gospel spirit of freedom and love.

The schools and families work together to foster a challenging, positive, catholic inclusive environment for children's learning.

St. Luke's and St. John's Schools are Parish Primary schools in the Parish of St. Luke's Lallor. Therefore enrolment in the schools is first and foremost for the children of Roman Catholic families who reside within, attend and support the Parish of St. Luke's. In accordance with Department of Education Policy all children must reach the age of FIVE years by 30th April in the year in which they start school.

An application must be accompanied by the child's original birth certificate, baptismal certificate and a current immunization certificate. Places may be available for children of other Catholic and Christian families but only after eligible Roman Catholic children have been placed. The enrolment process is facilitated by the enrolment panel which may consist of Parish Priest, Principal and two other nominated members of Staff.

#### **The order of priority for enrolment into the Parish Schools is as follows:**

- Baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident within St. Luke's Parish.
- Siblings of children of other religious persuasions who are already enrolled at St. Luke's or St. John's schools.
- Baptised members of other rites of the Catholic Church who are resident within St. Luke's Parish. (eg: Maronite, Melkite, Chaldean, Coptic)
- Baptised Roman Catholic Children who are resident in parishes other than St. Luke's and whose parents desire that they attend one of the parish schools.
- Baptised members of other rites of the Catholic Church who are resident in parishes other than St. Luke's Parish and whose parents desire that they attend one of the parish schools.

**If places are still available after all applicants from the above categories are enrolled, applicants from the following churches may be considered:**

- Eastern rite Christian Churches.
- Other Christian churches.
- Other religions following, discussion with the Enrolment Panel.
- No religion following discussion with tile Enrolment Panel.

### **Special Circumstances**

In exceptional circumstances some consideration may be given to the selection of students at the discretion of the Enrolment Panel.

### **Class Sizes**

Class sizes in Catholic Schools are limited in accordance with the Victorian Catholic Education Multi Employer Agreement.