



Rosebank College Enrolment Policy

Preamble

Rosebank College is a Good Samaritan, Benedictine, Catholic co-educational school, catering for young men and women Years 7 – 12. The College promotes an inclusive, welcoming environment for children and provides transparent, accountable, risk managed approaches to ensure child safeguarding.

Following the example of the Good Samaritan and in the spirit of the Rule of St. Benedict, we encourage a love of Christ, stewardship, hospitality, compassion and service to each other and the wider community.

We acknowledge the primary role of our families and welcome opportunities to work in partnership with them. As a Catholic community in a multicultural environment we give strong witness to our role as advocates of justice.

Co-education has been available in the senior years (Years 11- 12) for over 30 years. In 2009, this was extended from Year 7 to Year 10. Our Catholic coeducational College has received an overwhelming response from the local and wider community and placed us in the enviable position of receiving applications in excess of our possible acceptances. The following guidelines and procedures have been developed in order to provide a fair and equitable enrolment process.

Conditions of enrolment include:

- Parents/guardians and students must support the Catholic, Good Samaritan and Benedictine values of the College and its Mission, which are articulated in the College Mission Statement
- Students are expected to maintain a high standard of behaviour and to treat others with courtesy and respect
- Parents/guardians are expected to reinforce these expectations and to ensure that students wear the prescribed uniform according to the College's uniform guidelines
- Students who are in serious breach of the College rules may be asked to leave the College temporarily or permanently at the discretion of the Principal
- Parents/guardians authorise the College to publish their child's photo in the College Yearbook, College Newsletter, College website and other publications and media outlets for promotional purposes. Parents/guardians who do not consent to this must indicate this to the Principal in a separate letter at the time of enrolment
- Parents/guardians accept the responsibility to read all communication from the College including the fortnightly College Newsletter
- Parents/guardians will attend all Learning Progress Meetings (Parent, Teacher and Student meetings)
- Parents/guardians agree to inform the College in writing immediately of any changes of address, contact details and other family information stated in the Application for Enrolment form
- Parents/guardians agree to pay annual College school fees either up front by the end of February each year or, enter into a 10 monthly instalment plan with the College which pays the annual fees charged in full by November of each year
- Parents/guardians agree to be bound by any alteration to conditions of enrolment issued by the College Board

- Parents/guardians agree to abide by the Rosebank Parental Code of Conduct (included in Prospectus)
- A full term or 10 weeks' notice, (whichever is the shortest) is required in writing to the Principal before the withdrawal of a pupil, otherwise a full terms' fees will be charged.

The Conditions of Enrolment are enclosed with the Application for Enrolment, which must be signed as per the enrolment agreement.

8.1.1 Guidelines

1. At Rosebank College, there are two stages in the enrolment process:
 - a) **Application for student enrolment:** Prospective families submit an application form and \$220 non-refundable application fee. Application must include copies of Birth Certificate/Passport/Visa/Certificate of Citizenship, latest full school report and latest NAPLAN results (if applicable). Applications are accepted on the condition that student behaviour, attendance and commitment to school work are of a high standard prior to enrolment and ongoing through to commencement of their studies at Rosebank. It is also conditional on all required documentation being supplied. The College reserves the right not to accept an application.

Submission of an Application for Enrolment form does not constitute that an enrolment contract has been entered into.

- b) **Interview and Confirmation of Enrolment:** All eligible applicants are considered as per our priority order and placed on a waiting list (see below). The College reserves the right to interview applicants in an order that reflects keeping in mind a range of perspectives (e.g. gender balance). Selected families (including the student) will be interviewed by a member of the enrolment team. If the interview is successful, families receive an enrolment offer in writing. A student learning contract is signed during the interview. Families return the acceptance slip to the College and pay the \$475.00 non-refundable enrolment fee. When the student is enrolled at Rosebank College they are included in the Orientation and Induction Program.
2. **Priority Order:** Applications for Enrolment are accepted from birth. Placement on the waiting list for interviews occurs in the following priority order:
 - a) Current families
 - b) Children of Alumni (graduated past students)
 - c) Catholic families enrolled in Catholic Schools
 - d) Catholic families enrolled in Public and other Primary Schools
 - e) Other families

The College will endeavour to maintain a balance in gender composition.

It is important to note that priority interview positions (e.g. siblings, Alumni, etc.) cannot be held indefinitely. Therefore, priority order can only be maintained for students up to April of Year 4. *After this time, applications will be added to the general waiting list and allocated according to that list.*

Children of Alumni (graduated past students) are given priority when Rosebank is the first school of choice. Alumni who have children at other schools will be placed on a waitlist and may not be given priority.

3. **Inclusive Community:** Rosebank College is a Good Samaritan, Benedictine, Catholic co-educational school. While Catholic families are given preference, students from other Christian and non-Christian backgrounds will be accepted pending an agreement that the

student and family supports the Catholic and Benedictine ethos of the school and that the student will participate in Religious Education classes, prayer and all liturgies.

4. **Number of places:** The number of places available in each year group is limited. This number may vary according to availability of accommodation, number of current families, Alumni and at the discretion of the College Principal.
5. **Payment of fees:** All annual school fees are payable upfront by the end of February of each year, or by 10 monthly instalments, with all fees paid in full by November of each year.

If a family does not pay school fees upfront, or has not agreed to enter a 10 instalment plan, or does not honour that agreement, a child of that family cannot continue enrolment at the College until the matter is finalised.

Failure to make a payment of fees or abide by a financial arrangement made with the College, may initiate legal action to recover the debt. Failure to pay fees by parents/guardians may result in the student being asked to leave the College.

The signatories of the enrolment contract are jointly and separately responsible for payment of that student's fees. This is a contractual obligation. Billings will not be apportioned or split between the signatories of the enrolment contract.

6. **Withdrawal of Applications:** The College withdrawal policy is applicable once the enrolment fee has been paid and enrolment has been secured.

If the student withdraws from the College prior to commencement of school, the entire application and enrolment fee are forfeited (i.e. not refundable).

Once students are enrolled, significant commitments of resources and staffing are made. If circumstances change for a family and a decision is made to withdraw a student, notification will need to be made in writing to the Principal, advising of the student's withdrawal and giving 10 calendar weeks' notice preceding their departure. If notice is not received, a further 25% of the annual tuition fee will be charged.

7. **Scholarships:** Rosebank College offers academic scholarships for students entering Year 7. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) examination and an interview. The College uses the ACER Cooperative Scholarship Testing Program, an Australian wide annual program of academic ability tests, used by independent schools.
8. **International Students:** Although a small proportion of the College population, Rosebank College welcomes international students for short-term stays and long-term study programs.

Non-permanent Resident students who hold a temporary visa of any class must either personally, or through their parent/guardian, ensure that the College Principal is always in possession of a copy of each student's current visa. The student and/or their parent/guardian must advise the Principal immediately if their visa status changes and/ or if the student is granted a Bridging visa at any time during the student's enrolment. The holding of a Bridging visa may alter the student's enrolment, resulting in, amongst other consequences, a significant change in school fees payable.

Please see the enrolment protocols for international students. All international students will be assessed on their English writing and reading competence.

Students who do not meet a minimum level of competence in English are initially enrolled in a school preparation program taught at an Intensive Language Centre. Students may be

required to attend the centre for either 10, 20 or 30 weeks depending on their language proficiency. On exiting the centre, students will be allocated to their appropriate age level thus not missing any substantial schooling while at the centre.

International students enrolled at Rosebank College are required to stay with relatives, or with a family approved by the school (Homestay).

9. **These Guidelines:** The College may vary from these guidelines in special circumstances. These may include:
- a) Time of enrolment
 - b) Transfers from interstate and overseas and from other Good Samaritan schools
 - c) Compassionate or other grounds

8.1.2 Procedures:

1. **Placement on the waiting list:** Placement on the waiting list is secured once applicants:
- a) Provide a completed Application for Enrolment form
 - b) Submit all relevant documentation including NAPLAN results and full school reports
 - c) Pay the \$220 non-refundable application fee
- Unsuccessful applicants will be informed as soon as possible.

Provision of the above documents and the payment of the application fee do not bind the College to enter a contract for enrolment. A place on the waiting list does not guarantee enrolment.

2. **Securing an enrolment place:** On a number of occasions prior to beginning in Year 7, all applicants receive a letter reminding them to supply the College with their updated sacrament certificates (if available), latest full school report and Year 5 NAPLAN results.

If chosen, shortlisted applicants are invited for an interview with a member of the enrolment team. Successful applicants will be offered an enrolment place in writing soon after the interview. Successful applicants have two weeks to accept their enrolment offer and secure their place with a \$475.00 enrolment fee.

3. **Induction and Orientation:** In August of the year prior to commencement in Year 7, Year 6 students and their parents are invited to the first of the Orientation/Induction experiences. The second orientation experience is held in November. It is a full day experience conducted for students only. Students enrolling in other years are also invited to attend on this day.

In July of the year prior to commencement in Years 11, 10 or 9, successful new enrolling students and parents, are invited to attend a Subject Information Evening to indicate their subject choices. The subject selection process, followed by all current Rosebank students, is used for new families unless enrolment occurs later in the year, in which case an abridged process is provided for individual families.