

# Enrolment Policy

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to govern the enrolment of students at Loreto College Ballarat.

This Enrolment Policy exists to give guidance in the management of the enrolment selection process for prospective Applicants.

All enrolments at Loreto College Ballarat will be at the absolute discretion of the Principal, with the final decision of an offer of an enrolment resting with the Principal.

The Principal will consider each Application for Enrolment on its merits in light of this Policy, enrolment priorities and legal obligations.

## Scope

This policy applies to all current and future applications for enrolment at Loreto College Ballarat.

## Definitions

TERM	DEFINITION
Parent / Carer	Any person who is recognised by law as having parental responsibility for the student.
Applicant (s)	Prospective student (s)
Loreto College	Loreto College Ballarat

## Policy Statement

### Loreto Schools of Australia Mission Statement

The Loreto education tradition spans 400 years, inspired first by the founder of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM), Mary Ward, and grounded in the Australian context by Gonzaga Barry IBVM in the late 19th century.

For both these women their passion and commitment to educate women to be seekers of truth and doers of justice, was fired by their belief in the God of love made known to us through the person of Jesus. This belief in God who creates each person with endless potential and with equal right to participate fully in our world, lies at the heart of the Loreto Education Mission Statement:

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.

Each of the six Loreto schools, governed by Loreto Ministries, is deeply committed to this shared mission. The leadership of our schools is supported by dedicated teachers, parents, and past students guided by their school boards.

## Loreto College Ballarat Vision Statement

Loreto College Ballarat offers an innovative and contemporary education that engages students and prioritises student agency. We are committed to following in the footsteps of Mary Ward by developing future ready students able to thrive in a changing world.

## Guiding Principles

Catholic schools were established for the faith formation and education of Catholic children. The Enrolment Policy at Loreto College Ballarat seeks to honour that tradition and abides by legislative requirements. The College values diversity and recognises that each Applicant will bring unique gifts and talent which will enhance and enrich the College as a community. While priority is given to Catholic Applicants, consideration will be given to an Applicant who is involved with her family in the faith community of another Christian Church or another Religious Tradition. The College welcomes applications for enrolment from persons who actively support and respect the Vision and Strategic Directions of the College including families and students of other faith traditions.

Therefore, the factors listed below (not listed in a priority order) may be considered during the enrolment process in relation to Applicants:

- Level of involvement of the Applicant and her family in their Catholic parish/faith community and commitment to Christian life and values
- Current enrolment at a Catholic parish primary school within the Ballarat diocese if geographically possible.
- Family connection with the College (eg, sister who is current/past student, mother, grandmother, current staff member) and/or our sister Loreto schools.
- Information pertaining to the Applicant's attitude to, and active involvement in, learning and school life as evidenced through her most recent school report or supporting documentation.
- Involvement of the Applicant and her family in the broader community.
- Date on which the application was submitted with the application fee.

*An offer of enrolment to an Applicant is not dependent on all factors having been met, and the above factors are only indicative of matters that may be considered during the enrolment selection process.*

## Expectation of Parents / Carers

The College fulfils its educational vision in partnership with parents/carers and students and thus our expectation of parents/carers is that they are actively involved in their daughter's education. This involvement may take a variety of forms, including attendance at functions specific to the educational programme of their children.

When accepting a place at the College, parents/ carers are deemed to have accepted the College's values and expectations and be committed to support and promote them. It is the expectation that the family and student are willing to participate fully in the life of the College, including the religious and faith dimensions of a Loreto education.

Parents/carers must comply with the terms of the College's Parent Charter as a condition of enrolment.

A student enrolled at Loreto College will be eligible to re-enrol for the following year unless the Principal notifies the student's parents/carers otherwise.

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