Enrolment

A Catholic School is one in which Christian attitudes and values take precedence over all else. Mt St Patrick School, then, is a Christian community made up of pupils, parents, priest, principal and teachers, centred around the person of Christ.

In considering enrolments of students to Mt St Patrick School, the following has to be taken into consideration:

* It is assumed that parents who enrol their children at Mt St Patrick Primary are fully aware of, accept and support the standards expected by the school and that they also recognise the need for co-operation between school and home in maintaining those standards. This is important in all areas, especially that of discipline, and even more so, in the implementation of the Religious Education program. It is unrealistic to expect the formation and development of Christian values to be a matter of school concern only and it would be unreasonable to enrol students from homes whose values do not complement those of the school.

* School enrolment is dependent on the availability of appropriate classrooms, space and resources.

* In accordance with our philosophy, preference will be given to children of Catholic parents of the Sacred Heart, Murwillumbah Parish. (Copy of child's Baptismal Certificate to be presented with enrolment application).

* Parents should understand and be supportive of the Catholic school and the means it takes to fulfil its purpose.

* Keeping in mind the specific mission of the school, consideration will be given to children of non-Catholic families on application.

* Non-Catholic parents should have an interest in religious values and understand the importance of the acquisition of those values by their children.

* Non-Catholic pupils are expected to take part as fully as possible in the formal Religious Education and Liturgical Programme of the school.

* It is desirable that there be an interview with the Principal when enrolling a student.

* In choosing a Catholic education for their child, parents must be prepared to meet the financial commitment involved in that decision. Book Fees must be paid by the end of February. Building and Maintenance Fee, if applicable, must be met each term. Unexplained failure to pay full fees will call for a review of a child's continued enrolment.

* Enrolment at Mt St Patrick Primary School, Murwillumbah does not necessarily guarantee future enrolment at a Catholic Secondary School including Mt
St Patrick College. Application to a Catholic Secondary School should be made when the student is in Year 6.