ENROLMENT POLICY

POLICY
Unity College, Caloundra is an ecumenical, co-educational P-12 College administered by Brisbane Catholic Education in which Christian values and attitudes are lived, promoted and held in high regard. To acknowledge this, we seek to enroll students who with their parents or guardians can commit to our Mission Statement and Values.

Mission Statement

Unity College aims to be a welcoming and supportive community of people who respect ourselves, each other and the environment. Our school seeks to provide a holistic education, striving for excellence through the teaching and demonstration of the Christian message. We strive to provide a student-focused education in a safe environment and which creates equal opportunity for all to develop to their full potential.

The College as a community will:

- Create a faith experience that will be open and inclusive of both the Uniting Church and Catholic traditions
- Be willing to confront significant social justice, moral, environmental and political issues
- Be willing to explore options with flexibility in relation to the community life and worship life of the College
- Celebrate life and faith joyfully
- Be marked by a sense of inclusiveness
- Support the ongoing Vision & Mission of the Catholic & Uniting Churches.
Values

- A welcoming and supportive inclusive Christian community, which promotes the central place of Jesus and His Gospel
- Prayer in all its forms as an essential element in our lives
  - Prayer as: Contemplation
  - Community prayer, liturgy, scripture
  - Prayerful action
- Striving for excellence through the teaching and demonstration of the Christian message
- Co-operation, tolerance and friendship between all members of the College community
- A student-focused holistic education in a safe environment
- Respect for ourselves, for each other and for the environment
- Creating equal opportunity for all to develop their full potential.

Guidelines

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS
Applicants will be considered as follows:

Priority for an enrolment interview is given in the following order to –

- A sibling of a student currently/ previously enrolled at Unity College or Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra
- baptized Catholic or Uniting Church children
- other baptized Christian children who with their parents/guardians support the values of the college
- other children who with their parents/guardians support the values of the college.

Parents/ guardians wishing to enroll children at the College will be interviewed (with their child) by the Principal, Head of Secondary, Head of Primary or Assistants to the Principal and supply all relevant paperwork before enrolment is completed. All decisions of acceptance of applicants for enrolment shall be at the discretion of the Principal, within the policy and guidelines endorsed by the College Board and in line with Brisbane Catholic Education enrolment guidelines. A letter of acceptance is issued by the College and enrolment confirmed upon payment of the prescribed enrolment fee.
In processing an application, the Principal may consider factors such as:

- The child’s spiritual, educational and behavioural history
- The child's potential contribution to the College
- The resources available to the College to ensure the College can effectively meet the educational requirements of the child and the relevant student cohort
- Commitment by the parents/guardians in working in co-operation with Unity College personnel for the benefit of their child’s educational and faith development and to adhering to school values
- Demonstrated commitment by parents/guardians in working with previous educators to support the values of the school
- Supporting information from current educators and faith communities
- Participation in local faith communities and other community organisations
- Other information available to the principal.

Inaccurate information supplied to the College may lead to the cancellation of enrolment.

**Flexible learning arrangements** must be discussed with a member of the Leadership Team at the enrolment interview. A more detailed explanation and policy is available on request.

**Enrolment of students requiring significant educational adjustments** will proceed according to guidelines set down by Brisbane Catholic Education. If special needs become apparent after enrolment, the process may be started at any time. It is the responsibility of parents to disclose all relevant information regarding a child’s special needs at the time of making application for enrolment.