

St Paul's Primary School, Mt Lawley



PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FULL FEE PAYING STUDENTS POLICY

Rationale

St Paul's Catholic Primary School exists to further the mission of the Church and the Gospels remind us that "anyone who welcomes a child in my name welcomes me" (Luke 9:48).¹

The Mandate Letter of the Bishops of Western Australia requires that education be made available to all Catholic children in so far as this is possible.

Children from other countries should also be given an opportunity to access Catholic education in Western Australia where appropriate.

In addition to the above, the provision of services for full fee paying overseas students will be provided according to the following principles and procedures which recognise the fact that Australian society is multicultural and inclusive.

Definitions

A Full Fee Paying Overseas Student is a person from another country who has been granted entry into Australia on a student visa allowing them to enrol only at an Australian educational institution which is registered with the Department of Educational Services as a Full Fee Overseas Student Provider. The institution will also have been granted a Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students code by the Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations.

Scope

This policy applies to all Catholic schools in Western Australia.

Principles

St Paul's Catholic Primary School shall endeavour to ensure that international students have access to the same services provided to all other students and, where necessary, shall provide additional services to address their unique needs and characteristics to ensure an equitable and inclusive education.

The United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child states that the best interests of the child shall be the guiding principle of those responsible for his/her education.

All teachers contributing to the education of international students should have an understanding of the pedagogy and practice of teaching English as a Second Language and an awareness of cross cultural perspectives.

The overall provision of services shall be consistent with the following, as amended from time to time:

- The National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students (ESOS) (The National Code of Practice 2007)

- Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (Australian Government) (as amended in 2007)
- ESOS (Registration Services Act) 1997 (Australian Government) (as amended in 2007)
- ESOS Regulations 2001 (Australian Government)
- ESOS (Registration Charges) Act 1997 (Australian Government)
- ESOS (Assurance Fund Contributions) Act 2000 (Australian Government)
- Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia Policy Statement Student Enrolment

Procedures

St Paul's Catholic Primary School policy statement regarding the enrolment and provision for international students is in accordance with the Education Services for Overseas Students legislative framework.

St Paul's Catholic Primary School adheres to the procedures outlined in The National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students (The National Code of Practice 2007).

The Principal accepts responsibility to ensure the relevant procedures are followed.

1. References

¹Jerusalem Bible (Luke 9:48)