



Enrolment Policy

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BIBLICAL BASIS

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matt 28:19, 20

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Mark 16:15

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:14

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it, Proverbs 22:6

...bring them (children) up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4b

Assemble the people - men, women, children, and the foreigners residing in your towns - so they can listen and learn to fear the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. Deut 31:12

RATIONALE

Belmont Baptist Church seeks as its Mission to evangelise the lost; Establish new believers; Encourage through exaltation and example, to excite one another to love and good works; and Equip the saints.

Belmont Christian College is a supporting ministry of Belmont Baptist Church. It seeks to present the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in the local community and further afield through the education of children and the support of parents as they seek to raise their families. It provides Prep-12 education for the children of families in which Biblical principles and Christian values are supported.

The College aims to provide an education of high academic standards that is based on an acceptance of the Lordship of Jesus Christ and an acceptance of the Bible as the revealed Word of God, as these are defined in the College's Statement of Faith. In operating the College, it is acknowledged that God has given to parents the prime responsibility for the nurture and education of their children. The role of the College is to work with parents and churches to bring children up in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Parents need to be supportive of the College's Statement of Faith and practices, reinforcing at home the principles taught at the College.

Article 2a of the Belmont Christian College Constitution states that it is the intention of the College: "to provide education primarily for the children of Christian parents in which Biblical principles and Christian values are supported."

The College provides education for the children of parents who can substantiate their Christian faith along with children whose family do not yet profess a commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, but are supportive of the College's Christian ethos and practice and are willing to complete a faith-building course run by the College.

The College seeks to be 'missional', not just to the children enrolled but also to their parents, the wider community and further abroad.

ENROLMENT PROCESS

- Parents and students will be interviewed prior to being accepted for enrolment.
- Parents are required to complete the appropriate "College Enrolment Forms".
- An information collection form should be sent to the previous school in order to advise that school of the student's intention to enrol at BCC and to collect relevant information about the student's school history. Information will be kept confidential.
- Parents are required to sign the "Conditions of Enrolment", this includes agreeing to support the ethos and practice of the College.
- Parents are required to indicate that they either agree to OR recognise the College's "Statement of Faith" on the application form.
- Parents (at least one) are required to provide evidence of their Christian faith (Church reference etc.) Those parents unable to provide evidence of their Christian faith are required to under-take the College's introduction to Christianity sessions - explaining the Christian faith. These sessions should be completed before the student commencement date, however, in extenuating circumstances, completing the sessions retrospectively can be approved by the Principal.
- A copy of the children's Birth Certificates or Passports are required.
- Copies of school reports and any other documentation that is relevant to your child's access and participation in the education of the College is appreciated.
- For Families who are in Australia on a Visa, Visa documents need to be provided along with copies of the parent's Passports. The College must be kept up to date of any change to the families' residency status. If a change in residency status does occur, a copy of the Australian Citizenship Certificate then needs to be provided to the College Registrar.
- The Board has the ultimate authority to accept or reject applications.

Priorities for acceptance of enrolments:

1. Siblings of present enrolled students
2. Children of current College Staff
3. New enrolments whose family has valid Christian commitment credentials
4. Other new enrolments whose parents agree with the College's Statement of Faith and its ongoing practice, and have completed the College's faith building course.

Special Consideration may be given to applications where:

1. The child is a committed Christian, involved in regular church activities.
2. The child is sponsored by a close relative, who is a committed Christian and who agrees to take an active discipling role.

Minimum Age Requirement:

1. New children in Kindergarten must have reached the age of 5 by 30th April in the year in which they commence school.
2. Children who will turn 5 after 30th April, in the year in which they commence school, may be considered for enrolment in Kindergarten if there is evidence that the child is developmentally and socially ready for school. This will be at the discretion of the Principal. Parents seeking enrolment for children whose fifth birthday will occur after 30th April should be encouraged to enroll for the Prep program.

There will normally only be one intake of new Kindergarten students in a given year, ie enrolments later than the commencement of the school year will consist of transfers from other schools rather than children who have not previously attended school.

The Principal is responsible for the running of the Enrolment Process. He/She will keep the Board informed of ongoing enrolments.

CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT

Enrolment at the College is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The parents/caregivers will agree to allow the child to share fully in the life and educational program of the College, including Devotions, Chapel, Rise Up and CONNECT.
2. The parents/caregivers will support the aims of the College and order their own lives and home so that the child will be given every opportunity to grow up in Christ.
3. Those parents/caregivers unable to provide evidence of their Christian faith are required to undertake the College's introduction to Christianity course - explaining the Christian faith.
4. The parents/caregivers undertake to provide the child with all necessary textbooks and other equipment, of a personal nature, that may be required to enable the child to benefit from the education offered.
5. The parents/caregivers undertake to provide the child with all electronic equipment designated by the College, including Chromebooks, laptops and other I.T. devices. The parents will also provide Internet access outside of school so that the child can access learning resources, complete homework and submit assessment tasks.
6. The parents/caregivers undertake to provide the child with the correct uniform approved by the College and to ensure that the child is always sent to school neatly and modestly dressed in the required uniform.
7. The parent/caregivers must not use social media to denigrate the College, staff, students or other members of the College community.
8. The parents/caregivers accept and support all policies and procedures of the College and its authority and right to employ such discipline procedures as it deems wise and expedient, (including after school detentions and suspensions) in accordance with College policies.
9. The parents/caregivers undertake to pay all fees charged by the College in a timely manner, and in particular fees are kept 2 weeks in advance at all times, except where other arrangements have been agreed upon by the Finance Committee.
10. The parents/caregivers agree that if fees are not maintained according to these conditions, and an agency is employed to collect the outstanding debt, any costs incurred in the collection process will be paid by the parents/caregivers.
11. The parents/caregivers will give at least one term's notice of termination of enrolment in writing to the Principal, and failure to do so will render them liable for one term's fees.
12. That in the absence of written notice of termination of enrolment, and a consecutive period of unexplained absence of 6 weeks, the enrolment may be considered terminated, the relevant government bodies informed, and a term's fees charged.
13. That the College may suspend or terminate enrolment at its discretion for failure to comply with these conditions or other serious breaches of the College's rules and regulations.
14. That in keeping with the College Privacy Policy, parents/caregivers provide consent to their child's image appearing in College related publications such as the College Magazine, Newsletter, and Website, unless specified in writing for the child not to participate.
15. That parents/caregivers give consent to the College to gain access to relevant information about their child/ren whether held by previous schools, health care professionals or other government agencies. That parents/caregivers understand that the College may approach these bodies directly and obtain this information. The information requested by the College may include information related to any of the questions answered in this application.
16. That a Fee Deposit of \$500 per family, shall be paid on acceptance of a position at the College. (Any Holding Deposit currently held for Prep will be rolled into the above Fee Deposit). This shall be refunded in full at the completion of schooling provided that all outstanding liabilities have been met by the parents. Students will not be permitted to commence schooling until the fee deposit has been paid in full.

REVIEW OF ONGOING ENROLMENTS.

The Board will review annually the enrolment process and ongoing enrolments in the light of current trends and research to ensure that the College's student make-up does not affect the ethos, practice and tenor of the College's ministry.

Statement of Faith

The Statement of Faith is as follows:

- a. We believe in the Divine inspiration, the infallibility and supreme authority of the Old and New Testaments in their entirety, and that the Holy Spirit so moved the writers that what they wrote are authoritative statements of truth.
- b. We believe there is one God in whom there are three equal Divine Persons revealed as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and who of His own sovereign will created the heavens, the earth and all that is contained within the universe.
- c. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternally existing, only begotten Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. As God, He became flesh and dwelt among us; as man, He was God.
- d. We believe all men are in a fallen, sinful and lost condition through the rebellion of Adam and Eve, who were created without sin, and in this state of depravity are helpless to save themselves and are under the condemnation of God to eternal punishment in Hell.
- e. We believe that salvation from the penalty and consequences of sin is found only through the substitutionary, atoning death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- f. We believe it is the Holy Spirit alone who convicts men of sin; leads them to repentance, creates faith within them and regenerates and fills those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord. It is the indwelling Spirit who bestows the Gifts of the Spirit and manifests the Fruit of the Spirit in the believer.
- g. We believe that Christ voluntarily gave His life in substitutionary death on the cross for our sins and, in the same body, was raised from the dead. He appeared in His glorified body, then ascended to the Father as our Mediator, to continue forever as true God and true man.
- h. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ will return in person with His saints and that the full consummation of the Kingdom of God awaits His return.
- i. We believe those who have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit will receive a resurrection body at the return of Jesus Christ and be forever with the Lord, while those who have not believed will be resurrected to stand at the Judgement Seat of God to receive His judgement and eternal condemnation to Hell.
- j. We believe in the actual existence of Satan who is the father of all evil and opposed to God, although ultimately subject to the purposes of God and destined to be confined forever in Hell.
- k. We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ composed of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, which finds its visible manifestation in the local community of believers and ministers through the co-operative exercise of God-given gifts by the entire membership. Each local community of believers, is competent under Christ as Head of the Church to order its life without interference from any civil or ecclesiastical authority.
- l. We believe there are two ordinances instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ: baptism, and the Lord's Supper.
- m. We believe that marriage is an institution created by God as the foundation for a life-long faithful union of a man and a woman. Sexual activity outside marriage is immoral and counter to God's intention for us as a people.