

ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE

COLLEGE ADMISSION POLICY



In this phase of St Dominic's history, we aim to continue to create a caring environment, allowing each individual member to feel valued, through the context of boys education; experience belonging, compassion, opportunity, discovery and success in the Catholic tradition in the spirit of Edmund Rice.

In order to protect the rights of individuals and to offer a safe and secure environment for all students, it is necessary to outline the conditions in relation to conduct relating to your son's admission to the College.

Offer of enrolment is subject to written parental acceptance of these conditions.

- The College accepts its role in the place of parents ('in loco parentis') during College hours on campus or at an official activity off campus. The College is not responsible for the actions of students outside College hours but can extend its authority over students to include travel to and from school or out of hours if the reputation of the College is involved, or if the actions of the student is likely to affect good order during College hours on campus, or to and from school.
- It is a condition of Admission to St Dominic's College that students conduct themselves in a manner which reflects due respect for staff and their peers, abiding by the College Pastoral Care and Discipline Policy. Students who consistently breach this responsibility may have to forfeit their place at the College.
- Students are expected to fully involve themselves in the life of the College and offer their skills and talents to the growth of their College wherever possible. This includes all sport and extracurricular programs.
- Parents are expected to consistently support the actions of the College in discipline matters. While discussion is encouraged and some disagreement is natural, if the College feels that parents are not supportive of actions taken then the student's enrolment at the College may be called into question.
- Engaging in acts of violence, discrimination, harassment, bullying or intimidation will not be tolerated. One serious incident, consistent breaches or failure to participate in mediation of counselling could be grounds for termination of enrolment.
- The carrying of offensive weapons is strictly forbidden. Any student found in possession of an offensive weapon will be referred to the police, and may have his enrolment terminated. See handout "No knives at school" on our website.
- There is a strict no drugs policy in place. Any students in possession of illegal substances or dealing in illegal substances will be suspended pending investigation. Termination of enrolment can result if the College is satisfied that the student was in possession of or was in any way involved in the supply or distribution of illegal drugs.

- St Dominic's College is a Smoke Free Environment.
- A condition of entry into this College will be that a student must be prepared, on request, to make available for inspection by the Principal/Deputy or delegated nominee, his locker or bag (this includes the emptying of pockets). It is also a condition of entry that each student co-operate with any direction, request, or investigation conducted by the College staff pertaining to the serious issues of drugs and weapons.
- Any student who needs to carry medication onto the premises during College hours or at any College activity will need to advise this in writing to the Principal (this should be initially noted on the enrolment form).
- Students are expected to conform to the standard of dress and grooming required and not to knowingly present themselves otherwise.
- Accessing inappropriate internet sites, or even attempting access, or being party to the transmission or receiving of any offensive material, graphic or text will be treated as a serious offence. Use of I.C.T. at the College will be subject to the signing of a separate I.C.T. contract, by parents and the student.
- As communication is paramount in the mutual education of your son, we expect to be informed, in writing, of any absences or relative changes in family circumstances, especially change of addresses, telephone and pending family moves. The College reserves the right to use the product of student work, the representation of it or the responsible student in publicity opportunities or printed material. See Privacy Collection Notice.
- Continuance at St Dominic's in Year 11 and 12 is not automatic and is subject to review in the middle of Year 10. Enrolment in the senior year, while normally requiring parental permission, is made with the student who is expected to sign the Senior Agreement himself and accept the responsibilities entailed.
- Outdoor Education, in the form of an annual camp for Years 7-10 (inclusive) is a compulsory part of the holistic education offered at the College. Exemption from any year event will only be considered for serious medical or family reason and must be applied for in writing, in advance to the Principal. Senior retreats (11 and 12) are treated similar. Non-compliance with these guidelines may affect enrolment.

DECLARATIONS

I/we agree to the conditions of admission set out in this document. I am prepared to accept responsibility for the payment of fees as determined by the College Principal.

I/we give St Dominic's College permission to contact previous school/s and collect information regarding our son.

I understand, that if my son is accepted as a student of St Dominic's College that he will be expected to:

1. Abide by the regulations of the College, including those relating to uniform, and I/we agree to support the school's discipline system.
2. Participate in the religious education programme of the College which will include, for example, College and class masses, paraliturgies, parish activities and retreats. We realise that camps, activities and retreats, where relevant to the particular year group, form an integral part of the College curriculum and are compulsory for all students. Acknowledging this, I/we hereby give permission for my/our son to participate in such activities.
3. I am also aware of the need for the financial support of the College by parents, and agree to pay the required fees by the set date determined by the Principal and the College Board. Should payment of school fees become difficult at any time in the future, I also undertake to contact the Business Manager to discuss alternatives. Ten weeks' notice is usually required prior to leaving the College, otherwise one term's fees may be charged.
4. I give permission for the College authorities to authorise any medical steps which may become necessary as the result of any accident occurring at the College or at functions/excursions organised by the College if I cannot be contacted before any such treatment is deemed necessary by proper medical authorities.
5. I understand that I will be asked to sign a more detailed admission declaration upon enrolment should this application be successful.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Print Name

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Print Name

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It is a requirement that both parents sign the enrolment form unless one parent has court orders granting sole custody. In the more usual event of joint guardianship, both must sign unless a letter is supplied explaining why this is not possible.