



## Mission Statement

*In the spirit of Mary Ward, Loreto Schools aim to promote in their students intellectual development supported by Christian values. Particular emphasis is given to nurturing ... those qualities held dear by Mary Ward: freedom of spirit, sincerity in communication, personal integrity, a discriminating attitude to truth and a cheerful disposition. It is envisaged that in becoming well-informed, self-directed, spiritually mature women, the students in their turn will be capable and willing to contribute to the building of a society characterised by Gospel values.*

*(Loreto Schools of Australia Mission Statement)*

## Vision Statement

*Loreto College, Ballarat is a welcoming, friendly community where each person is valued and where spirituality and learning are nurtured. With the Catholic perspective that formed the spirit and virtues of Mary Ward, young women are educated to strive for personal excellence.*

*(Loreto College Ballarat Vision Statement)*

## Rationale

This policy exists to give guidance in the management of the enrolment selection process. All enrolments at Loreto College Ballarat will be at the discretion of the Principal, with the final decision of an offer of an enrolment resting with the Principal. A process of discernment will be undertaken by the Principal when offering places to new students.

## Guiding Principles

Loreto College Ballarat values diversity and recognizes that each applicant will bring unique gifts and talent which will enhance and enrich the school as a community.

The factors listed below (not listed in a priority order) will inform the enrolment process:

- ◆ Level of involvement of the applicant and her family in their Catholic parish/faith community and commitment to Christian life and values
- ◆ Current enrolment at a Catholic parish primary school (within Ballarat and its immediate surrounds) if geographically possible.
- ◆ Family connection with Loreto College Ballarat (eg., sister of current/past student, mother, grandmother, current staff member) and/or our sister Loreto schools.

- ◆ Information pertaining to the applicant's attitude to, and active involvement in, learning and school life as evidenced through her most recent school report or supporting documentation.
- ◆ Involvement of the applicant and her family in the broader community.
- ◆ Date on which the application was submitted with the application fee.

*An offer of a place to an applicant is not dependent on all factors having been met.*

## Expectation of Parents

Loreto College Ballarat fulfils our educational vision in partnership with parents and students and thus our expectation of parents is that they are actively involved in their daughter's education. This involvement may take a variety of forms, including attendance at functions specific to the educational programme of their children.

When accepting a place at Loreto College Ballarat, parents are deemed to have accepted the College's values and expectations and be committed to support and promote them. It is the expectation that the family and student are willing to participate fully in the life of the school, including the religious and faith dimensions of a Loreto education.

## Procedures

An application package will be available from the office, with applications able to be lodged when the applicant enters Year 3. The application package will include:

- ◆ Procedure for application.
- ◆ Application and Enrolment Fees and when these are payable.
- ◆ Documentation to be submitted with application.
- ◆ Parental obligations and expectations of parents by the School.
- ◆ Details of information sessions, orientation days, and the interview process.
- ◆ Schedule of current fees and payment policy.
- ◆ Timeline for processing applications.
- ◆ Outline of enrolment conditions and the requirement of formal acceptance of these.