



Creativity

Duality

Empowerment

Hope

Sustainability

ENROLMENT POLICY Version 1.0

Vision

To redesign schooling to be genuinely equitable, culturally informed and authentically child-centred.

Mission

Ngutu College will be a model for the seamless integration of Aboriginal knowledges and formal curriculum in experiential learning environments. Ngutu College will be a socially-just, non-denominational, independent redesign of schooling. It will provide a holistic, child-centred and experiential educational environment. Learning programs will acknowledge and engage the individuality of all children. A diversity of opportunities for K-12 children and young people will create options and strengthened pathways for achieving academic, vocational and community outcomes. Ngutu College will achieve this in collaboration with Kurna Elders and community leaders.

Policy Statement

Ngutu College is open and welcoming to all who support its Vision, Mission and Values. While Ngutu College has a focus on meeting the needs of Aboriginal children and young people, it will enrol children and young people from all backgrounds. The following considerations are also taken into account: availability of places, group composition and the ability of the College to meet a child or young person's individual needs.

Eligibility

- To qualify for enrolment into Kindergarten at the beginning of a year, a child must turn 4 years old before the 1st May in the year the child intends to begin.
- To qualify for enrolment into Kindergarten as a mid-year intake to begin term 3, a child must turn 4 years old before the 31st October in the year the child intends to begin.
- An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child would be eligible to enrol from the day they turn 3.
- To qualify for enrolment into Reception at the beginning of a year, a child must turn 5 years old before the 1st May in the year the child intends to begin.
- To qualify for enrolment into Reception as a mid-year intake to begin term 3, a child must turn 5 years old before the 31st October in the year the child intends to begin. The child will have 6 terms of Reception.
- Application for Early Entry may be made in circumstances where the family believes it will be of benefit and has specialist support for the early entry. Enrolment will then be at the discretion of the Head of College.

Placement Priority

Applications for enrolment will be guided by the following placement priorities:

1. Siblings of children or young people already enrolled.
2. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children and young people.
3. Children of staff.

4. Waiting list. Based on the anticipated number of available spaces, the College will endeavour to maximise offers to those still on the waiting list by the 1st October prior to their commencement year. Consideration of available places will include a provision for late enrolments meeting the placement priority criteria as per Items 1-3.

Consideration of Enrolment Applications

Taking Ngutu College’s Policy Of Policies into account, applications will be considered by a team, consisting of the Head of College or nominee, the relevant Head of Campus Operations and the relevant Head Teacher/s, working collaboratively to discern and allocate placement. Before offers of enrolment, the team will give consideration to:

- Priority of placement
- Group sizes and places available
- Composition of groups
- The ability of the College to meet the individual needs of the child or young person
- The discretion of the Head of College

Acceptance of Enrolment Offer

Accepting an enrolment offer is a commitment for that child or young person to attend Ngutu College in the year relevant to the offer. This commitment is made through signing a ‘Confirmation of Enrolment’ form and paying a non-refundable ‘Confirmation of Enrolment Fee’ of \$200* (that will be deducted from Term one fees for fee-paying enrolments).

* Where families are eligible for a Scholarship, the ‘Confirmation of Enrolment Fee’ is not required. The “Application of Scholarship” form must be submitted in lieu of the fee.

International enrolments (temporary visas) do not receive subsidised education in Australia. Regular fees and adjustments do not apply. Please contact the College for information about the fees and other requirements for enrolment under a temporary visa.

Version Control and Modification History Table

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