Context  
*Mother of God is a Catholic Primary school working in partnership with the families and young people of Ardeer and surrounding communities.*

Values  
The Brigidine core values that are most pertinent to this policy are:
- Being faithful to our Catholic heritage
- Welcoming all, especially the most vulnerable

*Our Moral Purpose*

To Serve - To be a community where everyone serves and cares for people and purpose beyond themselves

To Learn - To create a community where everyone is passionate about developing and enhancing learning

To Empower - To be a community where everyone is welcome and that we have a shared voice that both informs and guides us.

To Love and Care - To work so that everyone knows that they are respected and valued equally.

Policy Statement  
Parents wishing to enrol their child at Mother of God School should phone the Principal to arrange a time to meet. The initial meeting is to discuss shared values and aspirations for the child and the school (See Learning Aspirations 2012). If the application proceeds the following will be taken into account:

- Preference will always be given to Catholic children residing in the Parish of St Theresa’s Albion.
- The child must turn five (5) years of age by 30th April of the Preparatory year at school.
- Copies of the Birth Certificate, Certificate of Immunisation and Baptism Certificate (where appropriate) must accompany the application.
- Evidence of Australian citizenship or Visa status may also be required.
- No child suffering a disability will be excluded from enrolment. Every effort will be made to understand and seek adequate provision and help for any child with special needs.
- Primary enrolment does not provide automatic entry to a Catholic Secondary College.
- Non Catholics will only be admitted when: Catholic children have been placed, there are acceptable class sizes, there is a commitment by parents to the life of the school, an assurance is given that the child may attend Religious Education lessons.
- The child can complete his/her primary education at the school once enrolled.
- If a family resides outside our Mother of God catchment, they will be asked to first contact their local school prior to being accepted at Mother of God.
- Enrolments are at the discretion of the Parish Priest.

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Enrolment Policy