(22) - ADMISSIONS POLICY

The Beehive Montessori School is primarily concerned with the education of children between the ages of three and fifteen years. This education aims to be consistent with the principles and practices of Dr Maria Montessori.

To ensure the effectiveness of this education it is essential that parents have an understanding of Montessori principles and a desire for their child to participate fully in the life of the school.

Parents are asked to pursue their knowledge of Montessori education as their children progress through the school, by attending at least one Parent Evening per term, all Home Room meetings and observing in the child’s class once a term. Books, pamphlets, magazines and tapes are available for loan from the Parent Library.

The Beehive Montessori School admits students of any race, nationality or ethnic origin and religion.

The decision to admit a child is discretionary and is taken only after due process of Parent Interview and Classroom Appraisal. Factors taken into consideration are commitment by the parents to Montessori education, a balance of gender in the classes and the availability of a place for a particular age child.

The school reserves the right to expel a child on the recommendation of the Principal.

Preference will normally be given to siblings of children attending the school, providing the family has continued to demonstrate support for the school and Montessori education.

Children are admitted to the school as soon after their third birthday as possible, after the teacher’s assessment of their readiness. Children are accepted after three years of age only in special circumstances, eg transferring from another recognised Montessori school and only if a vacancy has occurred.

It is a requirement of admission and continued enrolment at the school that children receive all appropriate vaccinations as recommended by the Australian Health Department and acceptance of the Code of Conduct and Behaviour Policy.

Parents whose children are offered a place should accept, understanding the above points and knowing that they are obliged to participate in various school activities, including fundraising, working bees etc. (see Parent Involvement Policy).
ENROLMENT PROCEDURE FOR THREE YEAR OLD CHILDREN

The child’s name is placed on the waiting list for the term he/she turns three, upon receiving an application form and payment of $110.00 ($100.00 non-refundable booking fee and $10 GST). It should be noted that this application does not guarantee that a place will become available or be offered to you.

Successful applicants will be called for an interview prior to the proposed semester of entry provided vacancies have occurred.

You will be notified as soon as possible after the interview if there is a place for your child. For children entering Junior Primary a time will be arranged for a Home Visit by the prospective class teacher. Entry Forms (School and Foundation) plus enrolment monies should be returned by the given date to reserve your place.

The child will need to spend a morning at school as soon as possible, after their third birthday for the teachers to assess their readiness to begin. This is also an opportunity for your child to meet their teacher before commencement.

Parents are required to attend one of the two Orientation Days organised for new parents.

The names of unsuccessful applicants will be kept on the waiting list for a further six months and parents will be contacted if a place becomes available.

Dates of parent evenings and appointments for observing the classrooms may be obtained from the School Secretary.