Enrolment Policy

St. Michael’s Lutheran School offers its program in Christian education to all applicants regardless of ethnicity, origin, gender, religion, ability or disability provided that:

- through enrolment procedures parents seeking enrolment for their child undertake to support willingly and freely the stated vision, mission and values of the school.
- adequate space and resources are available.
- parents disclose any information required by the school to facilitate the most appropriate educational pathway for their child.

Enrolment Procedures

Principal’s Tour
To find out more about the school you are encouraged to attend a Principal’s tour. These tours are held twice a term offering you an overview of the school’s program and a tour of the school. Individual appointments can be made with the Principal.

Priorities
Enrolment priorities will be determined from time to time by the School Council. The current enrolment priorities are:

- siblings of currently enrolled students
- children of active members of a Lutheran congregation
- children who have become members of a Lutheran congregation through baptism
- other applications at the discretion of the Principal (such factors could include but are not limited to: other active Christians, date of application, old scholars).

Identification of ‘active members’ of a Lutheran congregation shall be done in consultation with the appropriate pastor.

Enrolment Procedures for Reception
You may be aware that the SA Education Department (DECD) recently changed their enrolment policy so that there will only be one intake of students from 2014. At this time students are to have turned 5 before the 1st of May.

St Michael’s has operated with a single intake of Receptions for a number of years. We will also operate under the new policy of birth date eg: children are to have turned 5 by the 1st of May. As a concession (in 2014 only), during the transition period, children who turn 5 by the 31st of May will be accepted.

Children with Special Needs
St. Michael’s Lutheran School caters for the needs of a wide range of students. We are blessed with children who constantly seek to fulfil their potential by following different pathways. Before going through the enrolment process it is essential that families of students with special needs explore all educational options available.

It is our recommendation that an appointment is made with the Principal (who may also invite the Special Education teacher) to determine whether the school is able to meet any specific needs of the child. Families are then able to make an informed decision about the selection of school for their child.
Guidelines for Early Enrolment of a Gifted Child

St. Michael’s Lutheran School recognises that if gifted children’s exceptional needs are to be met, early identification and support are essential.

Early enrolment in school can provide challenges and extension to meet a gifted child’s unique intellectual, social and emotional needs.

It is important to recognise that early enrolment is just one of the possible strategies for meeting the needs of young gifted students.

A meeting to discuss possible early entry can be made with the Principal (who may also invite the Special Education teacher).

Advice will also be sought from a psychologist who will be asked to provide a standardised assessment of cognitive and intellectual ability and also from a professional who has interacted with the child in the pre-school setting.

A decision will be made by the school after all information has been considered.

Middle Schooling

In 2011 a decision was made by the Hills Lutheran schools to offer middle schooling at Cornerstone College, Mt Barker, from the start of 2014.

Therefore St Michael’s will not be offering year 7 from 2014.

Along with the three other Lutheran primary schools in the Hills, students who have been enrolled in our schools for a minimum of two years have a priority for enrolment at Cornerstone College.

At the end of year 6 students will have the option of entering Cornerstone or another school of their choice.

Class Size

The class size for Foundation to Year 6 is a maximum of 28 students as per Lutheran Schools Association policy.