



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLI

## Formation of Classes Policy

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### Purpose

The Formation of Classes Policy at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Bulli is developed to support consistent and comprehensive practices for the formation of classes. The class grouping of students at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is designed to enhance the dignity of every student, allow each child to reach their full potential, develop an environment which is inclusive, as well as developing a sense of community.

The students in each grade are placed in mixed ability groupings and consideration is given to the self-esteem of the students, learning needs, as well as other social factors. Mixed ability groupings allow for a rich and varied interplay of ideas to take place within a class environment. Students of all ability levels are encouraged to strive for excellence in this setting by collaborating with each other, working in teams, and enhancing their communication and social skills.

### Policy

1. Organisation for class grouping for the next school year begins in Term 4.
2. Teachers, in collaboration with the school Principal, form the class groups based on academic achievement and needs, behaviour and social factors.
3. Parents are advised via the school newsletter that class groups are being formed.
4. Parents are asked to advise the Principal, in writing, if they have further information that may influence the structure of the classes.
5. The advice provided by parents to the Principal is considered, but not guaranteed, within the class formation process.
6. Classes are formed before the end of the school year. Once classes are finalised no further changes will be made and students will participate in a transition afternoon session with their new teacher/s.
7. Kindergarten Classes at the start of the school year have a transition period to school. In this time, teachers along with School Support Staff have time to observe the children's social, emotional, behavioural and academic needs prior to finalising classes.

## Basis of Discretion

The Principal has the right of discretion to make provision for departure from the policy in the event of unforeseen or exceptional circumstances.

## Supporting Documents

CEO Transition to School Policy

## Date of Implementation

October 2017

## Reviewed

October 2025

## Next Review

October 2026

