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## Catholic Schools of Whitehorse Admission Package

### MISSION STATEMENT

**To educate children in a Catholic learning environment.**

Through the sharing of knowledge and Christian values and by celebrating our Catholic faith, students are assisted in developing a personal faith and an understanding and appreciation of self and others.

Each child has the opportunity to strive for academic excellence and to reach his or her potential as a life-long learner.

The uniqueness of each child is celebrated.

### STATEMENT OF VALUES AND BELIEFS

We believe that parents and guardians, students, teachers, administrators and the Catholic community are the key contributors to Catholic education. All work together for the emotional, intellectual, moral, physical, social and spiritual development of the whole child. Values taught by example empower and support children for a lifetime of learning and participation in their own community and the global community.

These values include

- a strong personal relationship with God,
- love, respect and forgiveness of oneself and others,
- a sense of self-worth,
- critical and creative thinking skills,
- interpersonal skills, and
- witnessing to our faith in the world.

**Circle of Caring, July 1993**





# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF WHITEHORSE



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In the space provided please indicate in writing how you will support the mission and philosophy of the Catholic Schools of Whitehorse.

*I have read the Mission Statement and the Statement of Values and Beliefs. I understand that my child(ren) will be taught in a Catholic learning environment. I agree to the enrollment requirements and full participation in the program including the prayer life, Church related activities, religious education programs, and instruction and exercises in which Catholic ethical and moral values are taught.*

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Signature

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Date

This information is being collected under authority of the Yukon Education Act for the purpose of establishing a record for each student applying for enrollment in the Catholic Schools of Whitehorse.



## **Policies of the Roman Catholic Schools of Whitehorse Admission Policy**

*All rights and privileges arising out of the Yukon Act, any agreement or understanding between the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory and the Catholic Episcopal Corporation shall be respected and continued under this Act and any regulations passed there under.*

While the Roman Catholic school community has an obligation to educate its members, it also extends an invitation to non-Catholics who are in support of the Roman Catholic tradition. Due regard must always be given to the denominational character and integrity of the Roman Catholic schools. Because the Roman Catholic school consists of a thoroughly Roman Catholic pedagogical program, it is reasonable that only students who are prepared to respect this philosophical and pedagogical setting should be admitted. From time to time, because of the need to maintain the Roman Catholic identity of the school, the Roman Catholic school community may need to refuse admission to certain students.

### **Preamble**

Whereas the Roman Catholic schools of Whitehorse exist to serve the educational needs of the Catholic community and have a mandate to offer the Program of Studies outlined by the Yukon Department of Education and to do so within the context of the Roman Catholic Church's mission to educate the whole person in the name of Jesus Christ;  
and

Whereas the Yukon Education Act (1990) states that all rights and privileges arising out of the Yukon Act, any agreement or understanding between the commissioner of the Yukon Territory and the Catholic Episcopal Corporation shall be respected and continued;  
and

Whereas the Congregation for Catholic Education (1988) declared that the distinctiveness of the Catholic school is its religious dimension, and that this is found in:

- the educational climate;
- the personal development of each student;
- the relationship established between culture and the Gospel;
- the illumination of all knowledge with the light of faith;

and

Whereas the Vatican II documents in the Decree on Ecumenism (Vatican II, Unitatis redintegratio, 21 Nov. 1964) states "Catholics must gladly acknowledge and esteem the truly Christian endowments for our common heritage which are to be found [among other Christian denominations]";

and

Whereas Roman Catholics are urged by the churches teaching in the "Declaration on Relations of the Church to Non-Christian Religions" (Vatican II, Nostra aetate, 28 Oct. 1965) to appreciate the giftedness of other religious traditions;

and

Whereas many parents, some of whom are not of the Catholic faith, are seeking an education that includes the spiritual and moral as well as “the intellectual, physical, social, emotional, cultural, and aesthetic potential of all students” (Yukon Education Act, Preamble, 2002).

The Roman Catholic Schools of Whitehorse have the following admission policy.

### **Policy**

The Roman Catholic schools of Whitehorse welcome students who wish to, whose parents/guardians wish them to, and independent students who wish to;

- participate in the spiritual, moral, intellectual, physical, social, emotional, cultural, aesthetic and religious education programs offered in the Roman Catholic schools; and
- be educated in the context of the Catholic community where education of the human person is based on a pedagogical program of which Christ is the foundation; and
- receive all the benefits and assume all the responsibilities of membership within the Roman Catholic school community.

### **Regulations**

- 1.0 A Roman Catholic school shall admit a Roman Catholic student to the school, space permitting.
  - 1.1 It shall be the responsibility of the parent/guardian or, where there is no parent/guardian, of the student, to produce evidence of eligibility.
  - 1.2 A student’s baptismal certificate will be accepted as verification of eligibility.
  - 1.3 Where one or both parents/guardians are Roman Catholic and the student is not baptized Roman Catholic, admission will be processed by the bishop, or principal, before the student can be registered in the Catholic school.
  - 1.4 Appeals may be directed to the bishop and, when required, the area superintendent.
- 2.0 A Roman Catholic school may admit a non-Catholic student, subject the following guidelines.
  - 2.1 The student and the parent/guardian are apprised of the nature and philosophy of the Catholic school.
  - 2.2 The student and the parent/guardian agree that the student shall participate in prayers, liturgical activities, religious instruction and courses in which Catholic ethical and moral standards are taught.
  - 2.3 The parent/guardian is willing to pay the fee for the religious education program.
  - 2.4 Admission will be processed by the bishop, or principal, before the student can be registered in the Roman Catholic school, dependent on sufficient resources and facilities.

### **Transfers**

*Beginning of the school year/semester:* A student, whose parent/guardian wishes to transfer the student into the Roman Catholic schools, may be considered for admission, following the regulations outlined above, provided that the student transfers from the previous school on good terms.

*Mid-Term/Semester:* A student, whose parent/guardian wishes to transfer the student into the Roman Catholic schools, may be considered for admission, following the regulations outlined above, provided that the student transfers from the previous school on good terms at the end of the term/semester or a natural break in the school year. In addition, mid-year or mid-semester transfers require the permission of the area superintendent.