



Class Numbers and Multi age Class Policy

Rationale

Emmaus College is a welcoming and supportive school that works in partnership with staff, students and the parent community. Emmaus College has a tradition of responding to the needs of students in a positive and supportive way. It has focussed on the individual and has aimed to facilitate the integration of faith and life as they are experienced in family, school, church and community. We endeavour to keep class sizes at a reasonable size and support the notion of multi age classes.

Values

The Vision Statement for Emmaus seeks to build and sustain *excellence in learning within a contemporary Christian Community*. In living out that vision, we are called to recognise and to celebrate the uniqueness and innate dignity of each individual. All involved in the ministry of the college acknowledge that we:

- share life as a community and welcome all who come and join us
- promote excellence and inclusiveness in Christian education
- provide learning that is high quality that provides children with a solid grounding in the Christian faith
- govern in a manner consistent with Christian ethos and traditions
- promote relationships that are positive partnerships within and beyond the school community
- embrace the gifts and diversity of each individual and group

Policy Statement

As recommended by Brisbane Catholic Education class numbers are determined by each individual school. At Emmaus College class numbers are decided by the Administration Team at the end of every school year to best suit the needs of students and the school community for the following year.

Consequences

The school currently aims to, whenever possible, keep class sizes to a maximum level of 25 in Prep, Years 1 and 2 to 28 students and other year levels to a maximum of 30 students. Numbers may be adjusted according to the variety and complexity of individual student needs, nature of subject area, availability of equipment and resources.

In special circumstances, the College Principal, in his/her discretion may extend class numbers to a maximum of 32. This decision would be made in consultation with relevant stakeholders and with consideration given to the needs of students currently in the particular class.

Repeating a child is carefully considered by the Administration Team in consultation with the class teacher and the child's parents. This may influence the size of a class.

After much consideration with the Administration Team and the needs of the school multi age classes may be considered.

Glossary of Terms

Classes – A classroom, a meeting of a group of students for instruction.

Multi age – A multi age classroom is comprised of students of mixed ages eg. Year 5/6

Early Years - At Emmaus this includes children from Prep to Year 2.

Maximum – The greatest quantity or amount possible, assignable, allowable.

Administration Team – The team consists of College Principal, Head of Secondary, Head of Primary, Assistant Principal Religious Education (Primary), Assistant Principal Religious Education (Secondary) and Assistant Principal Administration.