EXEMPTION FROM ATTENDANCE / ENROLMENT POLICY

The NSW Minister for Education has delegated the power to principals of non-government schools to grant and to cancel a certificate of exemption from being enrolled and attending school in certain prescribed circumstances.

A child of compulsory school age must attend school. In NSW ‘compulsory school age’ includes all children between the ages of six years and 17 years of age.

Reasons for granting a Certificates of exemption from attendance and enrolment at school include:

- Exceptional circumstances.
- The child being prevented from attending school because of a direction under public health legislation.
- Employment in the entertainment industry.
- Participation in elite arts or elite sporting events.
- Where a student has completed Year 9 and before they have completed Year 10 where they have a full-time apprenticeship or traineeship.

At Bishop Druitt College we have developed policies and procedures for exercising the Minister’s delegation of certificates of exemption from attending school in accordance with the exemption from school procedures published by the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

Exemption Policy Statement

Where the parents of a student of compulsory school age seek an exemption from attendance at school or an exemption from enrolment the school will process the parents’ application in accordance with the guidelines from NSW Department of Education and Communities.

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