



Admissions Policy

Introduction

Bruce College is the largest private independent school in Munster. We are here to assist students in their senior years of education and help support in career development and academic potential.

Mission Statement

At Bruce College, we provide a focused, flexible and complete education experience. Our full-time day school provides an environment where students can maximize their academic capabilities while also developing the confidence and maturity to thrive as they move through the education system to third level and on to their chosen careers.

Vision

At The Bruce College, we provide a transformative learning experience for all our students.

We focus on excellence, ambition and achievement to enable students to achieve their full potential, while providing a holistic approach to their education and personal development.

Criteria

As part of the enrolment process detailed in the section “Enrolment Process”, decisions made in relation to admissions of students (see below), will include the application of the following criteria:

- The student is required to have attended a full time education programme in a secondary school for six months immediately prior to applying to The Bruce College; and;
- Students must achieve a minimum of six grade C’s or Merit in Higher/Common Papers in the Junior Cycle exam or equivalent for overseas students
- Successful completion of the Enrolment Process (outlined below, points 1-5)

Enrolment Process

There are five stages to the enrolment process within the full time 4th, 5th and 6th year programmes at The Bruce College:

1. Application form completed, and relevant documentation submitted with Key Information contained therein (– see “Key Information” on page 4).
2. Interview with the Principal or appointed admissions officer
3. Letter of Offer issued by the Bruce College, and confirmation of acceptance.
4. Payment of fees.
5. Provision of Key Information by parents.

1. Application forms

Application forms for enrolment are available at any time from the school office or may be downloaded from the school website at www.brucecollege.ie. Completed application forms should be forwarded to the Admissions Officer. Key information sought by the Bruce College must be submitted in the application form (see page 4).

Information Evenings for prospective students/applicants and their parents/guardians will be held throughout the year. The Principal, and/or other teacher(s), as appropriate, will be available to meet parents/guardians who may wish to discuss the enrolment process, or to answer questions regarding the enrolment of a prospective student/applicant.

2. Interview with the Admissions Officer

The interview will be held in The Bruce College, Cork or on an online platform. The Principal will review the completed application form and discuss in detail the prospective student/applicant's intention to be admitted to Bruce College, to ensure the suitability of the prospective student/applicant. Suitability of the prospective student/applicant will be determined by such factors as; academic commitment and high motivation to pursue academic goals.

3. Letter of Offer and Confirmation of Acceptance

Following the interview with the Principal, applicants will be notified in writing as to whether they have secured a place or not i.e., a Letter of Offer*. Should the applicant be unsuccessful in securing a place within Bruce College, there is a right of appeal to The Academic Council.

To accept the offer of a place in the school, parents/guardians (on behalf of the applicant) must complete the following three steps:

- 1.** Notify Bruce College in writing (letter or email) of their acceptance of the place (Acceptance Letter/Email) within the time specified in the Letter of Offer from Bruce College.*
- 2.** Parents/guardians must also pay a deposit within the specified time-frame.
- 3.** Confirmation in writing must be received from parents/guardians, that they have read, understood and agree that their child will adhere to the Code of Behaviour and Discipline.
- 4.** Note: Student enrolments may, in particular circumstances, be subject to the final approval of The Academic Council. All offers are strictly subject to the full disclosure of Key Information (as described on Page 4) by parents. Should incorrect or incomplete information be provided as part of the Key Information, the offer of a place may be rescinded.

* There may be circumstances where, due to time constraints in advance of the new academic year verbal offers are made (usually by telephone call) and accepted verbally.

4. Payment of Fees

An initial deposit must be paid within the specified time-frame to secure a place in The Bruce College.

Please note that a student will not be issued with a timetable until full payment is received or a payment plan is in place. A minimum of five working days is required to process payments. Timetables will be issued after this process has been completed.

5. Provision of Key Information by parents

The following is **the minimum** information required from parents/guardians registering the prospective student/ applicant in The Bruce College. This information is provided by way of the application form:

- Prospective student/applicant contact details
- Parents/Guardians contact details (Incl. emergency contact numbers)
- Educational background to date
- Medical/Special requirements
- Any information relevant to the provision of education

Please note: Medical/Special requirements:

As part of the application process, Parents/Guardians must make Bruce College aware of the needs of their child. Bruce College may also seek parental/guardian permission for access to any relevant medical or psychological reports, if deemed necessary by Bruce College.

All offers are strictly subject to the full disclosure of key information (as described above) by parents/guardians and/or the applicant. Should incorrect or incomplete information be provided as part of the Key Information, the offer of a place in Bruce College may be rescinded at any time.

Similarly, if it is subsequently discovered post enrolment, that key information was not fully provided to Bruce College and/or if incorrect Key Information was provided for, or on behalf of, the applicant, Bruce College reserves the right to exclude the student from Bruce College.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) the foregoing information will be held by the school and processed for the purposes of considering and processing applications, and for the administration of Bruce College's records only.

Rights of The Admissions Officer/ Principal

The Admissions Officer / Principal reserves the right to refuse admission to any prospective student/applicant in the following circumstances:

1. The school has a duty of care to all staff and students and as such, must provide a safe environment for both staff and students. The Principal reserves the right to refuse a prospective student/applicant if the Principal forms the view that the prospective student/applicant may pose an unacceptable risk to other students, staff or school property.
2. If the prospective student/applicant has specific educational, psychological, physical or care needs such that the school cannot meet such needs and/or provide the student with an appropriate support. (Note: Failure to disclose accurate information - see Key Information on Page 4 - in this regard may impact on admission to, or retention in or progression at Bruce College).

Right of Appeal

Parents of prospective students/applicants, or applicants themselves, who have been refused admission to Bruce College, have the right to appeal such a refusal to the Academic Council. Appeals must be made within 10 days of having been informed by Bruce College of such refusal. An appeals application form can be requested from admissions.

Review of the Admissions and Enrolment Policy

Bruce College reserves the right to update or amend this policy at any time.

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