



Our Lady of the Southern Cross Sacramental Program 2023



*Confirmation strengthens us to defend the faith and to spread the Gospel
courageously - Pope Francis*

Friday 12th May, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

You have indicated that you intend for your child/ren to participate in the OLSC Sacramental Program for 2023. In particular, your child would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. To receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, your child needs to be a **baptised Catholic** or have **been welcomed into the Catholic Church** and received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

The following students have indicated they will be receiving the sacrament this year:

Adrian W	AJ M	Ajak A	Amath L	Amook M
Ava J	Charlie P	Chloe S	Cristian P	Emily P
Ethan L	Harper N	Haylie D	Lilee B	Lucas L
Malia K	Manuella B	Noah U	Rian Q	Scarion A
Suzie A	Tyron V	Vincci S	William F	Yar W
Zach O	Zarnah L	Zoe L		

If you believe your child should be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation and their name is not on the list above, please contact me.

Your child is preparing for the Sacrament as part of their Religious Education studies this term and next. An important part of this preparation is the participation in a Family Sacramental Evening. This will take place **Wednesday 2nd August** in **Learning Centre 2**, from **6.30-7.30pm**. Attendance at this evening is compulsory, as the program is designed to deepen the faith and understanding of all within the family to allow the Sacrament to be celebrated with reverence and understanding.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Friday 11th August** at **St Andrew's Parish church**, from **5pm**. I would like to take this opportunity to also answer some questions you may have on the back of this letter.

FAQs

What should Confirmation candidates wear?

Candidates should wear 'Sunday best' clothing to their Confirmation. This may include nice trousers, a shirt and jumper or jacket for boys and nice trousers or skirt, top or a shirt and a jumper or jacket for girls. Girls may also choose to wear a nice dress also. Please avoid denim and runners if possible.

When should we arrive?

Confirmation Mass will begin at **5.00pm**; Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass so that students can gather for the entrance procession with the Bishop.

Who can attend?

Each candidate will be allocated a pew. The candidates will sit at the end of the row, next to their sponsor. Each candidate's family may join them in the same row. There will be additional space at the back of the church for other family members and friends.

Who can be a sponsor?

Each Confirmation candidate should choose one sponsor only. The sponsor should be at least 16 years of age. For a just reason, the Bishop or the Parish Priest may give permission for a person of a lower age to be a sponsor. Normally and ideally, the sponsor should be a practicing Catholic, and already Confirmed. The sponsor should not be a parent of the candidate. Having one of your child's Godparents as their sponsor is a symbolic and meaningful way to highlight the link between Baptism and Confirmation.

What about a saint's name?

Confirmation candidates need to choose a saint's name. This should only be a saint's name: alternatively, candidates may choose their own first name as their Confirmation name. Candidates should spend time researching and selecting a saint that inspires them as part of their preparation. Normally, candidates choose a saint of the same sex as themselves, although this is not a requirement.

As part of their preparation for the Sacrament, your child/ren will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at school, on Wednesday 28th July.

As a school we look forward to spending some time with you and your child to reflect and prepare for their celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have any questions, please see me at school or email me at: jdini@olscwyn.catholic.edu.au

Kind Regards,



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