



## Our Lady of the Southern Cross Sacramental Program 2023



*The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives  
and fill us with his grace - 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 Eucharist, or First Holy Communion. To receive the Sacrament of Eucharist, your child must be a baptised Catholic or have been welcomed into the Catholic Church and received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Your child is preparing for the sacrament as part of their Religious Education studies. An important part of this preparation is the participation in a Family Sacramental Evening. This will take place **Wednesday 19th July** at **OLSC**, 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.

There will be two celebrations of the Sacrament of First Eucharist this year: **Monday 24th July** and **Wednesday 26th July**. Both will take place at **6.30pm**, in the **OLSC Hall**.

As part of their preparation for the Sacrament, your child/ren will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at school prior to Eucharist.

On the other side of this note, there is some extra information to read over this also. Please complete, cut off and return the bottom of this note as soon as possible.



Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your preferred date for First Eucharist:

**Monday 24th July**

**Wednesday 26th July**

I would like to take this opportunity to also answer some questions you may have. Students should wear 'Sunday best' clothing to their First Eucharist. 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 or a traditional white 'First Communion dress'. Please avoid denim and runners if possible.

Please arrive 15 minutes before Mass so that students can gather for the entrance procession with Father. Each student will be allocated a row. The students will sit at the end of the row. Each student's family may join them in the same row.

Also, to assist you in preparing your child/ren to receive the sacrament, I invite you to practise the various Mass responses which you can view in [this slideshow](#). (Link: [www.shorturl.at/fjsvQ](http://www.shorturl.at/fjsvQ) )

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

Ager M	Aki C	Alier D	Amelia R	April M
Bentley B	Bill M	Caelan J	Cassandra L	Celeste B
Daniel D	Diya T	Eason L	Francesca V	Fredrik V
Giovanni F-M	Grace Z	Hudson B	Isabelle F	Imogen C
Isabelle P	Jake B-D	Jayden V	Jesse B-T	Joanna T
Jody M	Joshan F	Kivain P	Maduot P	Miley H
Patrick Z	Reyne V	Rohan S	Rohan V	Romeo A
Samuel L-M	Shenarie S	Steven A	Vinisha B	Xarvell U
Yier T	Zara D	Zarnah L		

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

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 First Eucharist. If you have any questions, please see me at school or email me at: [jdini@olscwyn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jdini@olscwyn.catholic.edu.au)

Kind Regards,



John Dini (Catholic Identity Leader)