



## 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*

Tuesday 19th June, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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** in the **OLSC Sports Hall**, from **6.30-7.30pm**. Attendance at this evening is compulsory for families and students, 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.

A reminder that our First Eucharist celebrations will be in the **OLSC Sports Hall**. You have indicated that you would like your child/ren to celebrate the Sacrament on the following evening:

- **Monday 24th July at 6.30pm**
- **Wednesday 26th July at 6.30pm**

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

### **FAQs - What should First Communicants wear?**

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.

### **When should we arrive?**

Please arrive 15 minutes before Mass so that students can gather for the entrance procession with Father.

### **Who can attend?**

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.

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,

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