



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bega

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Dear Families,

During Term 2 our Senior Primary students will be preparing for Confirmation. Within our Parish the children are prepared for this Sacrament within a Family based Parish Sacramental Program. This is also an opportunity for you to re-examine or renew your own faith commitment.

If you would like your child to participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation, please complete the online enrolment form:

Previously enrolled – Last year's first communion and reconciliation

<https://forms.gle/rPYDf5p2dmK2JiB26>

New enrolment – everyone else

<https://forms.gle/4pCgdaomV63Yfgea6>

Dates for your Diary

Information Evening: Thursday 27th April 6pm

Enrolment Mass (Family Mass): Sunday 30th April 9:30am

Retreat: Wednesday 10th May 9:00am-3:00pm St Patrick's Church

Sacrament: Sunday 28th May 9:30am

Youth Group: Thursday 1st June 3:15pm

Sponsor: Below is a note to be completed by Confirmation Sponsors, please bring this along to the Information Night. Remember when you are choosing your sponsor, the person must be a Confirmed Catholic over the age of 16 years. Parents are not allowed to be a sponsor for their own child.

Retreat Day: On Wednesday 10th May all candidates will be involved in our Retreat Day at St Patrick's Church. This day will begin at 9am and conclude at 3:00pm. The children will engage in reflective activities and celebrations and a Mass at 2:00pm. Students will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch. **Those candidates who do not attend St Patrick's School will need to notify your Principal of this day if you are attending.**

Dress: Confirmation is an official occasion in the lives of these young people, their sponsors and their families. Each candidate is required to come appropriately dressed for such an occasion. Holy Spirit sashes will be supplied and fitted prior to the celebration. Please return the sashes after Mass.

Family Mass & Youth Group: On Sunday 30th April there will be a family Mass at 9:30am. On Thursday 1st June candidates are invited to a youth group at 3:15pm in the Church. All families are required to attend these events. Families are invited to bring a plate along. Please do not forget to spend some time each day praying with your child and discussing their preparation for Confirmation.

If you have any queries, please email me at emma.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au or contact me on 64925500

Yours Sincerely,

Emma Grant

Religious Education Coordinator

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM

To the Sponsor: Congratulations on being asked to be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation. To be a sponsor there are several requirements the Church asks of you:

- 1) must be sixteen years of age or older;
- 2) have received all three sacraments of initiation, and lead a life in conformity with the faith and the role assumed as a sponsor; and
- 3) is not the parent of the candidate.

COMPLETE FORM BELOW:

Name of Candidate: _____

Statement of Candidate:

I understand that a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation is an important choice to make regarding my final step into full communion with the Church. In choosing this person I understand he/she will be my guide during the coming year as I prepare to become a full initiated member of my Church and the Catholic faith. Therefore, I understand that I must choose a person who is practicing their Catholic faith, and who will be a good example and guide for me.

Candidate's initials: _____

Statement of faith commitment and practice by Sponsor:

(Sponsor's Name – please print) _____

I recognise that as a sponsor for this sacrament: I am: 1) committed to keeping God's commandments as Jesus and the Church have taught me; 2) to worship God through prayer; and 3) faithfully attending Sunday Mass and to also strive to translate my faith into good examples and works.

I hereby state I am: 1) a baptised, confirmed Catholic; 2) a registered member of _____ Parish in _____; and 3) I promise to assist this candidate both before and after the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation to live the Christian life. Finally, I attest that all the statements above are true.

Signature of Sponsor: _____

Address: _____