



# ST GERARDS SCHOOL

LOVE-aroha ai... LEARN-ako ai... GROW-tipu ai

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

[Matthew 28:19](#)

## Sacramental Procedure

Purpose of Procedure	Legislation reference	Guidelines to be followed	Delegations
<p><i>The St Gerards BOT want a clear definition of roles and responsibilities around the delivery of the Sacramental programme.</i></p> <p><i>This is parish - based but supported by the DRS and the school.</i></p>	<p>The Catholic Education of School Age Children 2014</p>	<p>This procedure is met by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All families of students identified as 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 on enrolment are contacted in year 3 to initiate discussion around baptism in anticipation of their child taking part in the sacramental programme the following year.</li> <li>● Early year 4 students are invited to join the sacramental programme.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Term 2 Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation), Term 3 Confirmation, Term 4 First Holy communion</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Process for each sacrament</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- parent meeting( with Father Pat &amp; DRS) 4 Sunday liturgies( DRS) parent meeting ( Father Pat, DRS) , Sacrament.</li> <li>-<b>Resource booklets</b>- Australian booklets in conjunction with digital resources through the diocese. Cost of booklets covered by parents.</li> <li>- <b>Reconciliation</b>- evening within parish, led by Father Pat. Celebration supper hosted by Father Pat. Tidy dress expected by candidates.</li> <li>- <b>Confirmation</b>- evening- Bishop receives the children for confirmation and endeavours to visit the day before for preparation. Celebration supper hosted by Father Pat. Semi formal dress expected by candidates</li> <li>- <b>First Holy Communion</b>- full parish Mass. Celebration breakfast is hosted by the school.Families of candidates provide the food and support the school in the preparation of the meal.A sub- group of these</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Office admin/ Father Pat, Principal, DRS</p> <p>Father Pat, DRS</p> <p>Father Pat</p>

delegated to lead this. This is a formal sit down morning tea for candidates. Formal dress expected by candidates. Black and White clothing is encouraged.

- Medals and certificates are ordered through the parish office
- Prayer partners from the parish are matched with the candidates by the DRS.

**Within the RE curriculum**

- All students are given opportunity to take part in Sacraments of the church ( see Prayer and Liturgy, RE curriculum, Evangelisation procedures)
- Eucharist- at mass all students are made aware of the significance of the Eucharist and expected to show respect and reverence for this sacrament.
- Reconciliation is the foundation of the Restorative Practice plan of the school.

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