

### ST COLUMBKILLE'S Catholic Parish



# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We invite all parents and children in our parish to be part of the St Columbkille's Sacramental Program for 2024.

If your child has been **baptised in the Catholic Faith**, you have already begun preparations for their reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. From the moment of their birth, you have shared your Faith with your children in your love, words, actions, and prayers. This is an essential component of their faith formation.

Receiving the Sacraments is a very blessed time in our journey of faith, and it is the means by which baptised children can complete their journey into full membership of the Catholic Church. They are community events, which remind us of the role of the parish community in the development of our life of faith, hope and love. Our Catholic School and parish are here to help you as parents in your vocation to make known the light and love of God to your children.

#### The Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6) will be held in Term 2 on: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion (Year 3) will be held over 3 Sunday Masses in Term 3

8<sup>th</sup> September | 9.30am Mass 15<sup>th</sup> September | 9.30am Mass 22<sup>nd</sup> September | 9.30am Mass

### The Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Year2) will be celebrated in Term 4 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Please read the following page for further information for each Sacrament and how to enrol your child into the Sacramental Program for 2024.

We look forward to seeing you all during the year and can't wait to celebrate this joyful and blessed time for your child, your family, and our parish community.



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## HOW DOES THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM WORK?

- Students seeking the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion or Reconciliation will be invited to come along to 6pm Mass on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May with an Information evening following in the school hall at 7pm.
- Enrolment forms will be handed out at the information evening for each Sacrament.
- Candidates from St Columbkille's School will complete their Sacramental program over a 5week period during class Religious Education time.
- Candidates from within St Columbkille's parish or St Joseph's Parish Bulli will complete their Sacramental program by attending 3 sessions at St Columbkille's Parish Centre on Saturdays from 4.30pm to 5.45pm
- Parents participate in the Sacramental preparation of their child through attendance at the information meeting, attendance at Masses, through targeted homework tasks and opportunities to come into the learning space.
- The program concludes with a Retreat Day in which the candidates will meet with the Priest and engage in activities run by the Youth Mission Team, Sydney
- Candidates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion are invited to the Sacrament of Reconciliation which is held every Thursday at 5.30pm or Saturday Afternoon at 5.30pm. Reconciliation will also be offered on Retreat Days.
- The Sacrament will be celebrated in the Parish of St Columbkille's, for Candidates from Bulli, you can attend St Joseph's Bulli or St Columbkille's.

**<u>COST</u>: \$40** includes (certificates, gifts, catering, and retreat day)

Please pay via direct transfer to:

Acct Name: St Columbkille's Catholic Church

### BSB: 066-711

### Acct Number: 003669

Reference: Child's Name/ Sacrament

Or you may place in an envelope with Surname / Sacrament on the collection plate at Masses.

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Wishing you every Blessing,

### Fr Patrick, Fr Anthony, and the St Columbkille's Catholic Parish Sacramental Team