



Frequently asked questions (FAQs)



Q – I have heard that Catholic schools are very expensive? Is that true?

A – For a single child the cost per term is \$318.00

- ▣ This is less than \$1,275 a year for a single child family or \$33.00/week.
- ▣ There are discounts for additional children.
- ▣ Fees can be paid each term, each month or each fortnight.



Q – Does St Joseph's School have the same curriculum as State or government schools?

A – Like all schools in Queensland, St Joseph's follow the Australian Curriculum as set from ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority).

- ▣ Independent and Catholic schools in Queensland, St Joseph's is required to report to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (NSSAB) every 5 years.
- ▣ To be accredited as an educational institution within Queensland and Australia, we must provide evidence of the curriculum taught within the school. This is signed off and endorsed by Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office personnel and NSSAB.
- ▣ In addition, students at St Joseph's School receive instruction in Religious education. **Q**



– How does Religious education fit into the regular school day?

A – As a registered Catholic school within the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba, students receive 2 and half hours of Religious education (RE) each week.

- ▣ Religious education lessons are taught for 30 minutes each day.
- ▣ These lessons are not at the expense of other curriculum areas
- ▣ Students start school at 8.30am to allow for 30 minutes of religious instruction
- ▣ RE lessons are primarily literacy based and cover many themes, such as Christian values





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Q – Does my family need to be Catholic or have a religious affiliation in order to attend St Joseph's?

A – No. St Joseph's is an inclusive and caring community that takes enrolments from all faith backgrounds.

As a Catholic school within the Toowoomba Catholic Diocese one of our aims is to provide a quality education that promotes high levels of learning for all.



☐ St Joseph's has an expectation that students will participate in Religious education lessons and will be involved in Masses and Liturgies with the parish community.

☐ All enrolling families, Catholic and non-Catholic, understand that we are founded on Gospel Values and celebrate Jesus' love for us. We introduce our students to the Christian Values that we hope will inform the way they will live as children, adolescents and mature adults.



Q – What is the academic standard like at St Joseph's School?

A – St Joseph's School promotes high levels of learning for all students.

2019 NAPLAN DATA

Year	NAPLAN	Above National Mean
Year 3	Reading	100%
Year 3	Writing	100%
Year 3	Spelling	100%
Year 3	Grammar & Punctuation	100%
Year 3	Numeracy	100%
Year 5	Reading	100%
Year 5	Writing	100%
Year 5	Spelling	100%
Year 5	Grammar & Punctuation	93%
Year 5	Numeracy	100%



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*We moved to a farm close to Millmerran a year ago from Washington DC, USA. This was a big change for our three kids. St Joseph's has been a welcoming and caring community where our kids are happy and engaged. Communication with teachers and administration is easy and open. I am grateful for the attention provided by teachers and learning support staff to each one of our kids' specific needs. The school also values community engagement and actively participates in community events. They incorporate creative activities and events into school life; Mary Mackillop Fun Day, International Food & Culture lunch, just to name a couple. Finally, my kids are also enjoying learning new sports like lacrosse, basketball, tennis, and rugby league! **Bruce & Elizabeth Wise***

*As a new family to the district, the smaller school was an immediate attraction along with the Christian values. Our family has had a 10yr association with St Joseph's Primary School with still more to come. Over the years staff have come and gone but the school has retained its warm, welcoming environment with open relationships between staff, families and the wider community, with the primary focus always on the children and their individual learning needs. The school openly encourages family members to be actively involved through assisting reading groups and participating in special days. The schools hard-working P&F (Parents & Friends) is a great avenue for working families to connect with the school and become actively involved in raising funds to help upgrade school resources. Our older children have fond memories of primary school and love coming back to school functions, which is extremely humbling to know we chose the right pathway for our children. **Nicole & Paul Farrington***

From the moment we walked through the gates of the school we were greeted with cheerfulness and support. Our children came to the open days and immediately felt safe and content. It gave us peace of mind that St Joseph's was the best choice.

*St Joseph's staff have always provided education, tailored to each child's needs and this has been demonstrated everyday in our children's studies. St Joseph's has a warm, nurturing environment and we would highly recommend it to every student and parent. - **Matt & Kassie Clark***

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- ▣ Private Instrumental Music and Speech and Drama Lessons
- ▣ Celebration of special feast days, liturgies and Masses
- ▣ Active participation in the local ANZAC Day and Show
- ▣ Class Excursions and Year 5/6 Camp
- ▣ Choir
- ▣ Cultural Days – NAIDOC Week
- ▣ Participation in a wide spectrum of sporting activities
- ▣ Netball & Athletics Coaching
- ▣ School success at Gore Highway and Inner Downs with a number of students also competing at Darling Downs!!



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