



## 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 \$310.00

- This is less than \$1,250 a year for a single child family or \$31.00/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.

2018 NAPLAN DATA

Year	NAPLAN	Above National Mean
Year 3	Reading	100%
Year 3	Writing	100%
Year 3	Spelling	83.3%
Year 3	Grammar & Punctuation	100%
Year 3	Numeracy	100%
Year 5	Reading	80%
Year 5	Writing	80%
Year 5	Spelling	100%
Year 5	Grammar & Punctuation	100%



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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE



culturally



through sport



### READ WHAT OUR PARENTS HAVE TO SAY

Like all parents we agonised over which school to send our children to. We chose St Joseph's because of the small class groups figuring our children would receive more one on one teaching. We couldn't be happier with our decision as the kids have not only flourished academically but the opportunities afforded them at St Joseph's have seen their confidence skyrocket and they are developing a beautiful system of values. St Joseph's is so much more than a school - it is truly an extension of our family. **Andrew and Roberta Richter**

St Joseph's has been inspiring for our son as it promotes a loving and caring environment, with the teachers instilling their love of schooling in their students. Prep has been one-to-one education, specific to his needs and provides an enlightening learning environment. We would highly recommend St Joseph's for any child, to join this awesome school. **Kassie and Matt Clark**

St Joseph's provides quality education & at the same time, upholds Christian values. The school instils the importance of social awareness & respect for others & encourages responsibility in each of the students, in such a loving & nurturing environment. **Kristine Dela Cruz**

We have had children attending St Joseph's now for over a decade and have watched the school grow from strength to strength. Our children have excelled academically, both in NAPLAN and ICAS, culturally and in the sporting arena.

For such a small school, St. Joseph's is always extremely well represented at Gore Highway, Inner Downs and Darling Downs Athletics Trials. It never ceases to impress us, the high percentage of children, girls and boys alike, seen on the oval playing sport during the lunch break, ably led and encouraged by a very proactive Staff and Principal, Luke.

St. Joseph's School has catered perfectly for our Family. **Noel and Carol Chandler**

- ▣ 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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