Lockyer Valley Catholic Parishes Sacramental Programme

Faith Education takes place in a number of different contexts:

¥ the family
¥ the school
¥ the Parish

The parish takes the responsibility for the immediate preparation of the child for the reception of the sacraments and their celebration.

In preparing the children for the reception of the Sacraments we take a three-fold approach: the family, the school, and the parish.

The Sacraments, which the children are invited to celebrate during the year in our school, are as follows:

Baptism: Usually received as an infant
Communal Rite of Reconciliation: Before Easter and Christmas
First Reconciliation: Around August/September (Children in Year 5 or older)
Confirmation: Around the feast of Pentecost (Children in Year 4 or older)
Eucharist: Around the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Children in Year 4 or older)

In order to participate in the Sacramental Program children must first be baptised in the Catholic Faith.

Parents are usually required to attend an initial parent only meeting. A program detailing meetings will be given to parents at the initial parent only meeting. Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist (1st Communion) is normally with a number of families grouped together to learn together. Dates for enrolment in Sacramental preparation groups will be advertised in the School and Parish Newsletters approximately 4 weeks prior to meetings.

A child’s readiness to receive the sacraments includes appropriate faith development, on-going faith support and an accessibility to continued faith education.

This understanding of READINESS goes beyond YEAR LEVELS. One child may receive the sacraments in Years 2, 3, 4; while another may receive the sacraments in Years 3, 4, 5, and so on....

**ABSENCE OF PRINCIPAL**
In the absence of the Principal, the Assistant to the Principal Religious Education acts as Principal.
Should the Assistant Principal be absent from school at the same time, a designated teacher acts as Principal.

**ABSENCE OF A STUDENT FROM SCHOOL**
If a child is absent from school at any time, parental notification outlining reasons for absence is required. This may be done by:
• telephoning the school, or
• writing a note to the class teacher.
• for longer absences due to illness or other circumstances a letter from a medical practitioner may be required.