



Sacramental Policy St Pius X

In 2010, CEWA released a policy statement regarding the role of Catholic Schools in supporting Sacramental Preparation, which applies to all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Perth. In 2014, the Archbishop released the Parish - Based Sacramental Policy and this can be found on our school website.

The parish community invites and welcomes new members into its midst and it is where their initiation into the faith is celebrated and their journey into Christian maturity is nourished and sustained. It is within this community that people learn what it is to be a Catholic.

- Parishes have the responsibility to put in place structures for the preparation of children for the Sacraments
- Each child is to be enrolled for the reception of the sacrament by the parents into the parish
- The enrolment of children is celebrated ritually during weekend parish masses and after appropriate communication and notification within the parish

It is the parish, as the place of Christian community, which co-ordinates the activities involved in preparing the child for the Sacraments. Working with the family, the Catholic school, PREP and the parish priest, the parish ensures that all requirements necessary to bring the children to the Sacraments are attended to in good time.

The parish is the Christian faith community that children and young people need for their religious development. It is where they are inspired and nurtured by other members of the community to experience what is needed to develop their faith (Mandate, para 80).

It is the parish community that invites and welcomes new members; it is where initiation into the faith is celebrated and nurtured, it is where people learn to live as a community of the faithful (Mandate, para 79).

Catholic schools complement parishes and are an important means for evangelising young people today by teaching them how to live as children of God. By the nature of their mission and mandate, they have a direct responsibility to support families and parishes in the preparation of children to receive the sacraments (Mandate, para 79).

The role of the Catholic school in supporting Sacramental programs for young people is to nurture strong partnerships between families and parishes (Mandate, para 80).

The school will collaborate with the Parish in preparing young people to receive and celebrate the sacraments. All sacraments will take place within the Parish context at normal weekend Mass over a designated time period. This will be discussed further at the workshops held.