

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND YOUR CHILD

How to enrol in a Catholic school

Catholic schools conduct 'open days' to promote the activities and resources available to students and parents. These days are usually advertised through local media.

When you contact a school in which you are interested in enrolling your child, ensure you request an enrolment package which will contain information on enrolments, uniforms, fees, curriculum and special programs.

To enrol your child in a Catholic school you can contact:

- the Principal of the school
- the Parish Priest
- a member of your local Catholic Education Aboriginal Committee (CEAC)
- the Aboriginal School Community Consultant at the Catholic Education Office in your diocese.

Please ensure your child is enrolled early – some secondary schools prefer to enrol students when they are in Year 6 to start in Year 8.

Fees Reduction Scheme

The history of Catholic education in Australia is based upon providing an education for all, especially the disadvantaged in our society. Catholic schools are committed to providing a sound education to the whole community and to the ideal that no student should be denied a Catholic education due to an inability to pay the fees.

Fees are essential so that schools can meet the diverse needs of our students, however, all schools have a Fees Reduction Scheme to assist those in need. Your needs can be privately discussed with the school Bursar or the Principal. Contact your local Catholic school and make an appointment.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Many of our schools offer further support to Aboriginal students in the form of scholarships or bursaries. Please ensure you enquire about these when you contact our schools.

If you have any questions, or want to know more about what a Catholic school has to offer your family, please contact:



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How we can support your child

Catholic schools in Western Australia are committed to developing our students socially, emotionally, spiritually and educationally. We do this by providing an appropriate curriculum, qualified and committed teachers and timely support services.

Our schools welcome all students from all cultures and celebrate in their diversity as each individual's gifts from God add to the richness of the culture of our school communities.

Pastoral Care

Catholic schools provide a caring and supportive environment for each student.

- Students develop a sense of belonging within a community based upon trust and mutual respect.
- Students' individual skills and talents are nurtured, while student achievement and self-esteem are strongly promoted.
- The development of the whole person is paramount.

Competent and committed teaching staff

Our teachers and support staff have chosen a vocation in Catholic education. They work towards achieving the best results for all students by maintaining the highest levels of professionalism.

Catholic schools will continue to ensure this occurs through upgrading the skills and knowledge of teachers and support staff through quality professional development.

Aboriginal School Community Consultants

In each diocese a consultant, whose responsibility is to ensure our children have the best education and support services possible, supports Catholic schools.

Consultants work with schools and their communities so that Aboriginal students and their families are supported.

The consultants also promote *two-way learning* in Catholic schools. An important way of doing this is supporting the teaching of Aboriginal Studies.

Aboriginal Teaching Assistants

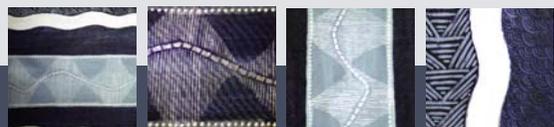
Aboriginal Teaching Assistants work in many schools to support Aboriginal students. They have specific roles to:

- act as a professional assistant to the classroom teacher
- act as a bridge between the school, parents and community
- support the Aboriginal Studies program.

Catholic Education Aboriginal Committee (CEAC)

Each diocese has a reference group of parents, grandparents, carers and other indigenous people who are committed to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal children.

These groups meet regularly to discuss issues and provide advice and direction for the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA).



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