



Catholic Schools

Preparation
for a life of
worth,
not merely a
life of work



**Catholic
Education**
Diocese of Cairns

Learning with Faith and Vision



An education based on gospel values

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS seek to live Gospel values and empower students with a code of behaviour based on Catholic moral principles and the teachings of the Gospels. It is with optimism and a deep sense of privilege and purpose that we prepare our students to engage with and make an authentic contribution to wider society.

These core beliefs and values are reflected in Catholic schools' pastoral care practices, their commitment to peace, social justice and service, and to the development of each student's self-confidence, resilience and character.

Communities of care

Catholic education occurs in welcoming, inclusive, and connected communities. Our schools seek to provide a genuine, safe and caring experience of community, to encourage students to appreciate the intrinsic worth of who they are, to value diversity and treat each other with dignity, enabling them in turn to promote and respect the dignity of all.



Safe and secure

Our schools strive to provide an environment where students feel safe, secure and comfortable. Our schools and their leadership seek to ensure best practice in providing a safe and positive school environment where healthy relationships can flourish. Bullying, harassment and discrimination are not acceptable and all schools have established practices for managing unacceptable behaviour. An emphasis on respect for self and others results in the disciplined and favourable learning and teaching environments for which our schools are renowned, and where students feel safe and welcome, and can achieve to the best of their potential.

An educational partnership

A Catholic education is seen as a partnership between students, parents, school and parish where parents and families are welcomed as members of the school community. Catholic schools encourage parents to be involved in all facets of school life and to actively support students in the full range of educational activities.

Many opportunities exist for parents to form life-long friendships and contribute to the life and development of their children's schools through involvement with School Boards, Parents and Friends Associations and voluntary activities in school communities.

Social and emotional wellbeing

Students in Catholic schools are often described as "happy". Our schools place great focus on the social and emotional wellbeing of all in their school communities. We recognise that success of any kind – learning or in life - is founded on the wellbeing of individuals, personally and in relationship with others.





A life to the full

Catholic schools emphasise personal and social development as fundamental enduring values and requirements in an ever-changing world. This holistic care of students educates the whole child and provides an educational foundation for life to the full - addressing spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, physical and cultural development.

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of individuals and in the wider community by challenging our students to find meaning and value in their lives, and develop communal obligations and aspirations.

Quality teaching and learning

Catholic schools have long been known for their high standards. They strive for excellence in all that they do, encouraging students to use their God-given talents to reach their full potential.

Our qualified, caring and dedicated teachers are one of the great strengths of our Catholic school communities.

Catholic schools seek to provide a high-quality academic and vocational education for all their students, giving due emphasis to the fundamental literacy and numeracy skills required for both learning and life. They deliver the Australian Curriculum and offer broad curriculum and co-curricular options in well-resourced and equipped classrooms, with full ICT integration and all the requirements for contemporary learning in the 21st century.



Welcoming to all

Our Catholic school communities are inclusive places of learning, open to families and students from all walks of life and faith traditions who are committed to, and supportive of, the ethos of Catholic Education and seek to embrace all that it offers.

While enrolment preference is given to those of the Catholic faith, our schools also embrace those of other faith backgrounds as a wonderful opportunity to promote understanding and introduce all to the person and message of Jesus Christ, wherever they may be in their faith journey.



Our schools are committed to fostering cultures of inclusion that respond to the educational needs of students regardless of their abilities, backgrounds and aspirations. Our school communities are places where the uniqueness and individuality of students and families is recognised and welcomed and the human dignity of each student is promoted.

Fees and affordability

Catholic schools are partly government funded, however reasonable parent contributions are essential to make up for the shortfall in government funding in comparison to state schools. However, based on gospel values and Church mission to care for the poor and marginalised, no child is denied a Catholic education based on the genuine inability of parents to pay school fees, in whole or part. Substantial fee discounts and exemptions are available in circumstances of genuine financial hardship.

Expect more

If you want more from your child's education, consider a Catholic school for your child. Contact the Catholic school of your choice for further information and an enrolment application.

Is a Catholic school right for your child and your family?

- Faith and values based learning environment
- A holistic education - academic, spiritual, social, emotional and physical development
- Welcoming, inclusive and family-oriented environment
- High standards of behaviour and respect for self and others
- Safe and caring environment
- Sense of belonging and community
- Nurturing and development of individuals and their abilities
- Quality learning and teaching
- Strong academic reputation
- Broad curriculum and co-curricular options
- Academic, vocational and employment pathways
- Well-resourced and equipped classrooms with full ICT integration
- Development of life-long skills and a love of learning
- Strong links with parents and community
- Commitment to social justice
- Preparation for a life of worth, not merely a life of work



WELCOME

Waibeni (Thursday Island) &
Kiriri (Hammond Island)

Weipa

From the humble beginnings of Catholic Education in the Cairns Diocese over 110 years ago when Catholic schools were established and staffed by religious orders, Catholic schools have since evolved into the modern, vibrant and well-resourced learning communities we see today.

With around 11,000 students in our 30 schools and colleges, Cairns Catholic Education serves communities from Tully

in the south, to Weipa and Thursday Island in the north, and west to Dimbulah on the Atherton Tablelands.

While each of these schools and colleges has its own character, identity and proud traditions, there are a number of defining features that characterise our Catholic schools and make Catholic Education 'something special' and highly sought after by parents.

Cooktown

Mossman

Mareeba

Dimbulah

Babinda

Atherton

Herberton

Ravenshoe

Sth Johnstone

Silkwood

Tully

Cairns



OUR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

CAIRNS REGION

Bentley Park	St Therese's School	Primary	4081 3400	www.stthereses.qld.edu.au
Parramatta Park	St Augustine's College *	Secondary	4052 9111	www.sac.qld.edu.au
Cairns City	St Monica's College **	Secondary	4042 4800	www.stmonicas.qld.edu.au
Earlville	Our Lady Help of Christians School	Primary	4280 7200	www.olhoc.qld.edu.au
Edmonton	Holy Spirit College [†]	Secondary	4252 9100	www.holyspiritcollege.qld.edu.au
Gordonvale	St Michael's School	Primary	4258 4100	www.stmichael.qld.edu.au
Manoora	Holy Spirit College [†]	Secondary	4252 9100	www.holyspiritcollege.qld.edu.au
Manunda	St Francis Xavier's School	Primary	4037 9900	www.xaviercairns.qld.edu.au
Mount Peter	MacKillop Catholic College	Prep – Year 12	4081 7600	www.mackillopcatholiccollege.qld.edu.au
North Cairns	Mother of Good Counsel School	Primary	4053 9700	www.mogc.qld.edu.au
Parramatta Park	St Joseph's School	Primary	4038 5100	www.stjosephscairns.qld.edu.au
Redlynch	St Andrew's Catholic College	Prep – Year 12	4039 5200	www.standrewscc.qld.edu.au
Smithfield	Newman Catholic College	Secondary	4047 6000	www.newman.qld.edu.au
Trinity Park	Holy Cross School	Primary	4050 6300	www.holycross.qld.edu.au
Woree	St Gerard Majella School	Primary	4280 7300	www.sgmcairns.qld.edu.au
Woree	St Mary's Catholic College	Secondary	4044 4200	www.smcc.qld.edu.au

NORTH

Cooktown	Holy Spirit College [†] ***	Secondary	4082 1900	www.holyspiritcollege.qld.edu.au
Mossman	St Augustine's School	Primary	4099 7500	www.staugus.qld.edu.au
Waibeni (TI)	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School	Primary	4213 0050	www.olsh.qld.edu.au
Weipa	St Joseph's Parish School	Primary	4214 6600	www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au

WEST

Atherton	St Joseph's School	Primary	4095 9000	www.stjoeys.qld.edu.au
Dimbulah	St Anthony's School	Primary	4094 6900	www.sta.qld.edu.au
Herberton	Mount St Bernard College ***	Secondary	4096 1444	www.msb.qld.edu.au
Mareeba	St Stephen's Catholic College	Secondary	4086 2500	www.sccc.qld.edu.au
Mareeba	St Thomas' School	Primary	4043 4100	www.stthomasmareeba.qld.edu.au
Ravenshoe	St Teresa's School	Primary	4095 9050	www.stteresas.qld.edu.au

SOUTH

Babinda	St Rita's School	Primary	4065 9580	www.stritasbabinda.qld.edu.au
Innisfail	Good Counsel College	Secondary	4063 5300	www.gcc.qld.edu.au
Innisfail	Good Counsel Primary School	Primary	4063 0600	www.gcps.qld.edu.au
Silkwood	St John's School	Primary	4065 9530	www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au
South Johnstone	St Rita's School	Primary	4065 9500	www.stritascps.qld.edu.au
Tully	St Clare's School	Primary	4065 9550	www.stclares.qld.edu.au

[†](Flexi-school) *(All Boys, day & boarding) **(All Girls, day & boarding) ***(Co-ed, day & boarding)

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