



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 \$300.00

- This is less than \$1,200 a year for a single child family or approximately \$30.00/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
- 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, peaceful relationships and world religions



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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.

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