



## POLICIES

# Leschenault Catholic Primary

Topic:	Role of Catholic Schools in Supporting Sacramental Preparation		
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Policy Area:	Catholic Identity		
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### Rationale

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.

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.

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.

The role of the Catholic school in supporting Sacramental programs for young people is to nurture strong partnerships between families and parishes.

### Principles

- Preparation for sacraments is family-focused, parish-based which is supported by Leschenault Catholic Primary School.
- Leschenault Catholic Primary School respects the primary role of the family in the faith education of their children and supports the family in the sacramental preparation of children.
- Leschenault Catholic Primary School will work with the parish in preparing for and celebrating the sacraments.
- Young people will receive the sacraments in our local church Christ the Living Vine.

### Procedures

- Religious Education is a priority in our school. It provides the knowledge and understandings of the Catholic faith and outlines what is needed to live a Catholic life.

- LCPS will provide learning and teaching about the sacraments through the Religious Education Program and should be supplemented with current teaching methods and resources.
- Students will be provided with opportunities for catechesis through prayer and personal reflection.
- The assistant principal APRE or other administrative representative, will inform families about the processes available in their relevant parishes for Sacramental preparation.
- School leadership will be appropriately represented on and contribute to Parish Sacramental Teams.
- LCPS will work with the parish by providing resources and personnel to support parish based celebrations of the sacraments.
- The assistant principal Brigid Bryce will collaborate with the Parish Religious Education Program in preparing young people to receive and celebrate the sacraments.
- A checklist outlining all the steps involved in preparing for Sacraments can be accessed by staff.
- Students will be provided with opportunities for ritual prayer and sacramental celebrations as part of the life of the school.