

Considering a Catholic school for your child?

Diocese of **Townsville**

**Catholic
Education**

School Locator:

North Ward

St Joseph's School (P)

St Patrick's College (S)

Hyde Park

St Margaret Mary's College (S)

Mundingburra

St Joseph's Catholic School (P)

Currajong

The Marian School (P)

Annandale

Southern Cross Catholic School (P)

Cranbrook

Holy Spirit School (P)

Ignatius Park College (S)

Rasmussen

Good Shepherd Catholic Community School (P)

Kirwan

Ryan Catholic College (P-12)

Deeragun

St Anthony's Catholic College (P-12)

West End

Edmund Rice Flexible learning Centre (S)

Palm Island

St Michael's School (P)

Charters Towers

Columba Catholic College (P-12)

Ingham District

Our Lady of Lourdes School, Ingham (P)

St Peter's School, Trebonne (P)

Canossa School, Canossa (P)

Gilroy Santa Maria College, Ingham (S)

St Teresa's College, Abergowrie (S)

Burdekin

St Francis School (P)

St Colman's School (P)

Burdekin Catholic College (S)

South

St Mary's School, Bowen (P)

St Catherine's School, Proserpine (P)

St John Bosco School, Collinsville (P)

West

St Francis School, Hughenden (P)

St Patrick's School, Winton (P)

St Joseph's School, Cloncurry (P)

Mount Isa

St Joseph's Catholic School (P)

St Kieran's School (P)

Good Shepherd Catholic College (S)

Today's Catholic school

The proud reputation Catholic schools enjoy today is based on the strong tradition built by the religious orders who founded Catholic Education in our Diocese in 1872.

Today most of our 31 schools are administered by lay principals and staff; however they aspire to the same distinctive mission and ideals of maintaining high academic standards within a faith-based education framework.

Catholic Education is thriving in the Townsville Diocese, with enrolments continuing to increase each year. Such growth is an indication of our strong commitment to providing for the needs of ALL students in an inclusive, life-giving and supportive school community environment.

Catholic schools welcome all who want to share in a vibrant, well-resourced learning environment, based on Catholic faith and values.

Why choose a Catholic education?

Catholic schools are called to make a difference – to be places where the nurturing and development of the individual child is the core focus.

Catholic schools strive to help students develop an understanding of the world, their community and their role in it.

Catholic schools are strongly committed to providing:

- Quality teaching and learning in a faith-based environment
- Academic, spiritual, emotional, social and physical development
- A broad curriculum and co-curricular options
- Well resourced and equipped classrooms with full ICT integration
- Pastoral care
- Welcoming, inclusive and family-oriented environments
- The development of life-long skills and a love of learning
- Strong links with parish and community



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“Teaching and learning in our Catholic schools involves more than providing academic instruction. It is about nurturing the individual – academically, spiritually emotionally and physically – equipping students with lifelong skills to become compassionate and contributing adults”.

How does the Catholic Education system operate?

The Catholic Church has been educating children for Centuries, as part of its ongoing commitment to providing a Catholic education to all, regardless of location, family background or financial ability. The first Catholic school opened in the Townsville Diocese in Bowen in 1872 and now more than 11 500 students attend our 31 schools and colleges.

These schools are governed by the Townsville Catholic Education Office and/or Religious Institutes, and supported by the Diocesan Education Council. The Director of the Townsville Catholic Education Office reports to the Bishop of the Townsville Diocese who is also the Chair of the Diocesan Education Council. The Townsville Catholic Education Office is supported by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission. Catholic schools are accountable to their communities and State and Federal governments.

Catholic schools are often the centre of a Parish and play a vital role in the wider communities in which they exist.

Enrolments

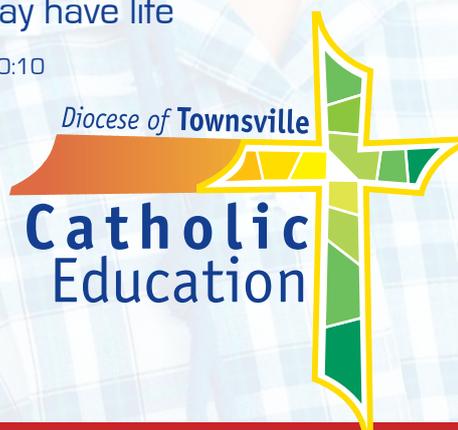
Catholic schools are open to all who seek a quality education based on Catholic values. However it must be noted that our schools may not always be able to take every child who applies. In these cases, the Principal is guided by the Townsville Catholic Education Office Enrolment Policy, which has been set by the Diocesan Education Council.

Parents are encouraged to make contact with the Principal of their preferred Catholic school to find out about the enrolment procedures and what information is required to complete the enrolment application eg: birth certificate, baptism certificate, immunisation records, school reports and academic records.

The enrolment period is generally April-May each year; however applications will still be accepted outside of this time. Each school has a different enrolment procedure, so please refer directly to the school office, website and/or the Principal for further information.

“I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full” John 10:10

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Partnership and Vision

Catholic schools are all about family and therefore a sense of partnership between home and school is considered vital. When parents, carers, families and teachers share in the common vision of the school, the effectiveness of the school and the child's experience is greatly enhanced.

Our Catholic schools pride themselves on being welcoming and inclusive communities and parents are strongly encouraged to become involved in the life of the school. Often by doing this, support networks and friendships are formed which enrich family life.

Your Involvement

There are various ways in which parents and carers can become involved in the school community:

- Parent-teacher communication
- Voluntary support activities eg: tuckshop, library, working bees, excursions
- Classroom activities and celebrations
- Attending school liturgies and events eg: fetes, sporting carnivals
- School Board
- Parents and Friends Association
- Other committees

Fees

As there is a shortfall between the basic costs of running a school and the amount funded by governments, a reasonable fee structure is essential for Catholic schools to operate and provide quality learning environments. Schools strive to keep fees as low as possible and family discounts apply. However, no child will be refused due to financial inability or difficulty. New or existing parents should discuss these matters directly with the school principal who will treat the situation with understanding, sensitivity and confidentiality.

