

Ecclesial Context

Our challenge at St Patricks Catholic School is to engage an increasing number of non-Catholic students and their families with the tradition, language and culture of the Church. We seek to provide opportunities for families to engage with the Catholic Christian tradition and its rich spiritual practices.

St Patrick's is a community with diverse religious beliefs and spiritual values. We recognise Pope Francis' proclamation that "We are all children of God". Looking through our Christian lens we open the door to others to know the Catholic tradition and its spiritual richness.

We celebrate the Ecclesial Context by participating in Community (whole school and classroom) activities including:

- Class involvement in weekly parish Masses (on roster basis) – including altar serving, offertory procession, Prayers of Intercession, music.
- School Masses and Liturgies of the Word celebrated for significant events such as beginning of school year Mass, Ash Wednesday, Easter, ANZAC Day, Mother's/Father's Day, Pentecost, Catholic Education Week, Feast of the Assumption, Graduation, conclusion of school year liturgy.
- Involvement in Parish Sacramental Program
- Classroom sacred spaces – classroom prayer rituals (liturgical cloth & candles etc)
- Visible sacred icons and imagery throughout the school
- Weekly staff prayer where a broad range of prayer experiences prepared by staff

