



St Joseph's School

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Dear Parents of Year 6 Students,

To support the students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation the Year 6 class will be attending a Confirmation retreat on Thursday, June 17th. Throughout the day your child will explore the meaning of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the influence these gifts can have in their life.

To add to the occasion, I am requesting that either a parent, both parents, the student's sponsor, or all three, write a brief *surprise* letter of support to their child and return it to the office in a sealed envelope by **Friday, 7th June**. Please keep this secret from your child so that it is a surprise on the day. The envelope should be labeled with your child's name.

This is a wonderful opportunity to further express your support for your child as they celebrate this milestone. You may like to share some memories of your Confirmation, or your hopes for their future. The choice is entirely up to you. All I ask is that receiving the letter will be a positive experience for your child. The students will read the letter during the retreat so it is therefore VITAL that ALL students receive one. If however, you choose not to write to your child, you will need to explain this to your child prior to the retreat day so that s/he is not confused as to why they have been "left out".

Even if your child is not being confirmed they will still be attending the retreat. As such, I am asking you to write a letter of encouragement to your child in their last year of primary school and to express your support for them in the years ahead.

The opportunity to read a letter from a parent or sponsor will be a highlight for your child and will be remembered for a long time.

I thank you in anticipation and for the time, effort and support you are constantly providing to ensure this is a special time for your child.

Please contact me on tori.johnson@cewa.edu.au if you require assistance or have any questions.

Kind regards,

Tori Johnson

Year 6 Teacher