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Dear Families,

The Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish Sacramental Program is offered each year. In 2023, this begins with the Sacrament of Confirmation followed by the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist in 2024. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish this year on **Sunday 17 September 2023**.

To enrol for the Sacrament of Confirmation, children must be baptised, must be in Year 3 or above, and must be 8 years of age or older. For any children in high school or children who were baptised in a non-Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office before enrolling.

To enrol your child in the Confirmation program you will need to:

- Pay the \$50 enrolment fee via online payment;
 - Go to <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/our-parish/online-payments>, select 'Sacramental Programs' from the drop down menu, enter the details required and on the last page enter an email address for your receipt. Please write the receipt number clearly on the bottom of the enrolment form before submitting.
 - Complete the attached enrolment form and email to kccpsacraments@gmail.com before Monday 24 July 2023.

IMPORTANT: If your child was **NOT** Baptised at St Patrick's or St Bernard's, you **MUST** attach their Baptism Certificate (*If baptised overseas, please provide full name and address of overseas church*).

Attached is a schedule of important dates regarding preparation for the Sacrament. By enrolling your child in the program, it is expected that families commit to attendance and participation in all scheduled talks, workshops and rehearsals to ensure that your child is well prepared for the Sacrament.

- One parent **MUST** attend the parent talk on **Thursday 27 July 2023** (see schedule of important dates for details).
- Candidates **MUST** attend Mass every weekend during the program.
- Options for workshop dates and times will be emailed after enrolment numbers are finalised.

Workshops have been determined by the Diocese of Broken Bay and are designed to be delivered by volunteer facilitators.

Therefore, ~ we are seeking willing adults to facilitate sessions ~ and simply guide participants through the provided program.

- Training, workshop materials and ongoing assistance can be provided by the Sacramental Team and Clergy.
- Please email the Sacramental Coordinators at kccpsacraments@gmail.com if you are able to assist at either St Patrick's or St Bernard's or would like to find out more about what is involved in facilitating the workshops.
- The success of this program relies on the support of families ~ please consider 'leading' a workshop.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation in the program. I pray for a graceful preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Rev Dr Biju Jose OSH
Parish Administrator

**KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH
SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023**

SCHEDULE OF IMPORTANT DATES

What to attend	When and Where		Things to note
Parent Talk on the Sacraments <i>(Children do not need to attend)</i>	When: Thursday 27 July 7:30 – 8:30pm Where: St Patrick’s Church, Asquith Cnr Royston Pde and Baldwin Ave		One parent must attend. If, for an exceptional reason, you cannot attend on 27 July 2023, please call Fr Biju on 9456 2450 before this date to book a one-on-one interview. If you do not attend this talk, without exception, you will be required to <u>make an appointment for a one-on-one interview with Father Biju</u> to discuss whether your child can proceed with the program.
Parent & Child Workshops	Asquith St Patrick’s School	Berowra Heights St Bernard’s School	There are 4 Confirmation workshops, approx. 45 mins each. Candidates attend one workshop each week with one of their parents.
	Proposed times <u>to be confirmed</u> : – Weekday 3:15 pm – Saturdays 5 pm – Sundays 9 am	Proposed times <u>to be confirmed</u> : – Weekday 5:30 pm – Saturday 4 pm	
workshop 1	31 July – 6 August		Children are presented to the Parish community during Mass.
workshop 2	7 – 13 August		
Presentation of candidates	12 -13 August at any one of the weekend Masses		
workshop 3	14 – 20 August		
workshop 4	21 – 27 August		
Review and Rehearsal	Asquith Sunday 10 September after the 10am Mass St Patrick’s Church	Berowra Heights Sunday 10 September after the 9am Mass St Bernard’s Church	Candidates will have a practice for Confirmation in the Church following Mass. Candidates MUST attend this Mass and stay for the Confirmation practice which follows.
Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation	Asquith St Patrick’s Church 17 September 2023 During parish 10am Mass	Berowra Heights St Bernard’s Church 17 September 2023 Special 2pm Mass	Confirmation within Mass

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH
CONFIRMATION PROGRAM ENROLMENT FORM 2023

Confirmation date: Sunday 17 September 2023

*Information given on this form is subject to the Diocese of Broken Bay Privacy Policy (available on the Diocese website
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/privacy-policy>)*

Candidate's Surname _____

Candidate's Christian Names _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Home Telephone _____ Email _____

Preferred contact number during working hours _____

Candidate's Date of Birth _____ Age at 17 September 2023 _____

School Attending _____ Year _____

Father's Full Name _____ Religion _____

Mother's Full Name _____ Religion _____

Mother's **Maiden** Name _____

Was the candidate Baptised into the Catholic Church? **Yes / No**

Please attach a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate if not Baptised in this Parish.

Candidate's **Date of Baptism** ____ / ____ / ____ **Place of Baptism** _____

If baptised overseas, please give full name and address of overseas church

Sponsor's Full Name _____

The sponsor must be a Catholic over age 16, who has been Baptised, Confirmed and celebrated First Eucharist. Candidates are encouraged to choose a Godparent as sponsor. The sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent. Only one sponsor may be chosen.

Confirmation Name _____

Candidates are to choose the name of a Catholic Saint other than their own name. Names will be discussed in the workshop so you may advise this later if you have not decided.

Note: The first name of candidates and first initial of the family name will be published in the parish bulletin.

Tick this box if you **do not** give permission for this to be published.

Tick this box if you **do not** give permission for photographs including your child to be published.

Online payment receipt number: _____