



HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL WOOLLOOWIN

PREParation Program

WHY CHOOSE HOLY CROSS?

Our son absolutely thrived during his first year at Holy Cross. Our experience has been that every child is welcomed warmly as part of a community. As a result, the transition from kindergarten was seamless – our son was excited to go each day and see his wonderful teachers and new friends. We are blown away by how much he has already learnt and experienced in just one year.

† **ALICE – PARENT**

We've thoroughly enjoyed our experience at Holy Cross. We joined the school in 2021 at Prep and have been impressed by the deep experience of the teachers and the supportive friendly community. We highly recommend this lovely local school.

† **PAULA – PARENT**

Holy Cross is not just a school – it's a community. I've loved watching my children grow and flourish in such a nurturing environment. The school is small enough to offer a personal touch to all families and big enough that students get a wide array of opportunities across education, sport and extracurricular.

† **MEL – PARENT**

 **A Brisbane Catholic Education School**

A good beginning is of great importance

CATHERINE MCAULEY



We believe in the words of one of our school patrons, Catherine McAuley and want our new Prep students to have a wonderful beginning at Holy Cross Primary School. We believe that this begins before their first official day.





WHAT IS PREPAration?

The PREPAration program is a series of optional sessions offered by Holy Cross Primary School to help support your child for the transition to Prep. With dates scheduled in July, August and September these sessions allow you and your child to spend time at Holy Cross to:

- † Meet other new Prep students and their families
- † Help create a sense of connection and belonging to our school
- † Get to know some of the staff at Holy Cross
- † Participate in activities to help prepare them for the Prep school year
- † Allow for a smoother transition at the start of the Prep year

These sessions will also allow our wonderful staff to get to know your child so that there is a strong connection between home and school which will allow for a positive start to the school year.

WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?

Each session is a short 45min visit which will have a different focus each time. These may include:

- † Literacy activity
- † Physical activity (gross and fine motor skills)
- † Creative activity (visual art / music)

The session will also focus on many of the daily skills needed in Prep such as developing routines, transitions and independence.

Families are invited to stay during the session and short parent information sessions will often be run during these times which will be helpful in the preparation for the Prep school year.

WHERE WILL IT TAKE PLACE?

The sessions will take place at Holy Cross Primary School, in our Multi-purpose room but we will sometimes add visits to the Prep Precinct as well.

IS THERE AN ORIENTATION DAY?

We also offer a formal Orientation Day for our incoming Prep cohort. This will occur in October and will allow students to spend time with their new class in the Prep Precinct. The Orientation Day is compulsory for all students to attend and there will be a Parent and Family Information session run at the same time.

HOW DO I BECOME INVOLVED?

Families will be sent further information with the dates of the PREPAration Program and Orientation upon successful enrolment for Prep at Holy Cross Primary School. The information will include a link to a registration form for the PREPAration Program which families can complete.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the PREPAration Program or Prep at Holy Cross please make contact with our school. One of our staff will be happy to answer your questions.

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