Who should I contact about enrolling in a Catholic School?

- Diocesan Indigenous Education Co-ordinator
  Phone: 07 4931 3600
- The Principal at your nearest Catholic School or Secondary College
- Your Parish Priest
- The Diocesan Catholic Education Office
  Phone: 07 4931 3600
- For a complete list of schools log on to the Diocesan Catholic Education website: www.rok.catholic.edu.au
Catholic Education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children

Catholic Education recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians with one of the oldest continuing cultures in human history. We affirm the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to sustain their languages and cultures and acknowledge their continuing connections with the land and waterways.

A Catholic education is available to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from Kindy or Pre-Prep through to primary school and into secondary education.

Catholic Education plays an essential role in the Church’s mission to live the challenge of the Gospel and to be welcoming to all. The Gospel values of Jesus Christ are the cornerstone of our Catholic schooling system. Jesus Christ’s life was characterised by the values of love, reconciliation, justice and peace. As followers of Jesus Christ it is vital that these values are reflected in all that we do.

Scholarships

All Year 10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attending a Catholic Secondary College in the Rockhampton Diocese are eligible to apply for the Catholic Education Scholarship for Indigenous Students. This Scholarship supports Indigenous students continuing their senior secondary education in a Diocesan Catholic College.

The Sisters of Mercy Scholarship is awarded annually to an Indigenous student enrolled in a Catholic Secondary College in the Diocese of Rockhampton. This scholarship is to support the student to continue their studies at a university.

Education and care services

Kindy, Pre-Prep, Outside School Hours Care and Long Day Care Centres.

Our Catholic Education family-based centres offer opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to make new friendships and learn through play, art, music and movement, games and storytelling. Parents and carers are always welcome to join in the education and care of their children whilst they are at our centres. There is also support available to all families wishing to send their children to our services, including the Child Care Benefit, Child Care Rebate and Health Care Subsidy.

Catholic schools and colleges

In our Catholic schools, the curriculum reflects a Christian view of the person and of society. Catholic educators recognise that parents are the child’s first and foremost teachers. Working in partnership with parents, our teachers strive to provide all students with a “relevant and holistic curriculum”; a curriculum which enhances the spiritual, social, emotional, physical, intellectual, moral and cultural life of each student.

Fees and financial assistance

Exemption or part exemption from fees (according to your individual financial situation) can be arranged with your Principal. Further Assistance may be available for secondary students by applying for ABSTUDY through your local Centrelink office.

Who can I contact for assistance and support?

Assistance and support is offered through a variety of Indigenous Education Catholic school staff including Indigenous Education Liaison Officers and Indigenous Education Teacher Assistants.