

SACRAMENT

Mater Dei provides a Sacrament Program for students whose families would like their son or daughter to make their Sacraments. We offer a program every two years that meets the needs of students in a familiar environment at school. Over the past eight weeks some of our students have been preparing to receive First Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

This year I have had the privilege of teaching and preparing 21 of our students from Year 3 to Year 9. The program was facilitated during school time and supported by the students' families who contributed and assisted their son or daughter with sacramental preparation at home.

On Wednesday 12 August, 13 of our students received the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation with Father Michael Healy in the Mater Dei Chapel. It was lovely that many of the students' families could join us for this special time.

We celebrated the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation on Saturday 22 August in the Mater Dei Chapel with Bishop Peter Ingham, Deacon Michael and Father Michael Healy. Eight of our students were confirmed and 12 received first Eucharist. Our celebration mass was such a special time for not only our students but for their families as well.

It is truly an honour to be involved in occasions such as this at Mater Dei and to see how excited and proud the students and their families were on this special day. Many of our staff attended our Sacramental celebration and assisted with preparations for the day.



Congratulations to all of our Sacramental students:

Harry Dickinson, Harrison Golden, Oliver Gooden, Justin Buda, Torey Franzman, Luke Corcoran, Clare Marsh, Mischa Castaneda-Abalos, Jack Conroy, Jacob Celan, Saul Castaneda-Abalos, Etienne Peterson, Jake Franzman, Patrick Abalos, Lachlan Simon, Kayla Anderson, Heidi Johnston, Jeremiah Amante, Daniella Violentis, Olivia Leadbeatter and Nicholas Pithio.

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