

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION 2025

Ss Peter and Paul Parish Confirmation Program is an at-home preparation program which revolves around attendance at Mass as a member of the parish community. Parents journey with their child in preparing for Confirmation by supporting them through their workbooks and reflection sheets at home, and then attending Mass to hand in the completed work. In this way both parent and child participate as a family in their Faith.

In order to successfully complete the program, the following requirements must be met before a Confirmation candidate can attend the Confirmation ceremony:

- Attendance at the Parent Information Night (at least one parent/guardian must attend)
- Attendance at the Commitment Mass (candidate and at least one parent/guardian)
- Attendance at Mass to hand in Units of Work and Reflections (candidate and at least one parent/guardian)
- Attendance at the Retreat Day (candidate only)

All dates are in the Program outline which can be downloaded from our website (see link at bottom of page). Please plan your diary accordingly so that you don't miss the cut-off dates and be forced to wait until next year for your child to receive the sacrament.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT POINTS:

- **Sponsor:** The Candidate will need to choose a Sponsor for their Confirmation, which is a requirement to be able to receive the Sacrament. Just as parents cannot be a Godparent at their child's Baptism, so too, **a parent or step-parent cannot be a Sponsor** for their child at Confirmation. Ideally, the sponsor would be one of their Baptismal godparents, but if this is not possible then the sponsor must be a Catholic who has received the sacrament of Confirmation and is over the age of 16 years. Other family members are welcome to be sponsors as long as they meet the criteria.
- **Retreat Day – Tuesday 17 June:** **Children must attend the Retreat Day.** Parents do not need to attend this day but are welcome to volunteer to help on the day. Please speak to Colleen if you are interested in helping. **The retreat day is an important part of the Confirmation program.** The day involves a practice of the ceremony and Fr Chris will hear confessions. This day will be held in Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Enrolments close on Friday, 21 March 2025.

All information, including enrolment forms, can be found at:

<https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/confirmation>

If you have any questions about enrolment, you have trouble enrolling online, or if meeting the cost of the program (\$30) will be difficult for you, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or kiama@dow.org.au.

Please forward all other enquiries about the program to Colleen Easton, the Confirmation Coordinator.

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CONFIRMATION DATES 2025

DATE	PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
7 February	ENROLMENTS OPEN: Enrol and pay online at https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/confirmation
Friday, 21 March	ENROLMENTS CLOSE
Wednesday, 26 March 7:00pm (1 hour session)	PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT: Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama Attendance at one evening by at least one parent/guardian is compulsory. The Candidate does not have to attend. <i>Confirmation kits containing all course material will be issued at this meeting.</i>
Sat, 29 March – 6:00pm OR Sun, 30 March – 6:00pm	COMMITMENT MASS: Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama. (Candidate and one parent/guardian must be present at one Mass to make a joint commitment with parishioners)
Sat, 5 April – 6:00pm OR Sun, 6 April – 5:00pm Please note the change of time for the Sunday evening Mass	UNIT 1 OF THE WORKBOOK is to be completed and the workbook is to be presented at the Offertory at any evening Mass this weekend at Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama. (Candidate and one parent/guardian must be present at Mass)
Sat, 12 April – 6:00pm OR Sun, 13 April – 5:00pm	REFLECTION SHEET 1 is to be completed and presented at the Offertory at any evening Mass this weekend at Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama. (Candidate and one parent/guardian must be present at Mass) Marked Workbooks will be returned to your child at these Masses.
School Holidays (Includes Easter long weekend) 14 - 27 April	WORKBOOKS OR REFLECTION SHEETS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. You are very welcome to attend Mass during this time if you wish to, but please don't bring any Confirmation work with you. No work will be collected - if you leave work in the church it may be misplaced and will have to be done again.
Sat, 3 May – 6:00pm OR Sun, 4 May – 5:00pm	UNITS 2 AND 3 OF THE WORKBOOK are to be completed and presented at the Offertory at any evening Mass this weekend at Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama. (Candidate and one parent/guardian must be present at Mass) Marked Reflection Sheets will be returned at these Masses.
Sat, 10 May – 6:00pm OR Sun, 11 May – 5:00pm	REFLECTION SHEETS 2 AND 3 are to be completed and presented at the Offertory at any evening Mass this weekend at Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama. (Candidate and one parent/guardian must be present at Mass) Marked Workbooks will be returned at these Masses.
Sat, 17 May, 6:00pm OR Sun, 18 May, 5:00pm	SAINTS' PROJECT is to be completed and presented at the Offertory at any evening Mass this weekend at Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama. (Candidate and one parent/guardian must be present at Mass)
Sat, 24 May, 6:00pm OR Sun, 25 May, 5:00pm	UNIT 4 OF THE WORKBOOK is to be completed and presented at the Offertory at any evening Mass this weekend at Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama. (Candidate and one parent/guardian must be present at Mass) Marked Reflection sheets will be returned at these Masses.
Sat, 31 May, 6:00pm OR Sun, 1 June, 5:00pm	REFLECTION SHEET 4 is to be completed and presented at the Offertory at any evening Mass this weekend at Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama. (Candidate and one parent/guardian must be present at Mass) Marked Workbooks will be returned at these Masses.
Tuesday 17 June 9:00am – 3:00pm	COMPULSORY RETREAT DAY: Ss Peter and Paul Church and Hall, Kiama (Candidate only) Marked Reflection sheets will be returned at the Retreat.
Thursday 26 June 6:30pm	CONFIRMATION CEREMONY: Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama Candidates are to be at the Parish Hall by 6.30pm Ceremony starts at 7:00pm