

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION 2026

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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, then attending Mass to hand in the completed work. In this way both parent and child participate as a family in their Faith.

To be eligible to enrol in the program, Candidates must be in Year 6 or above and have already made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

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 Workbooks, Reflections and projects (candidate and at least one parent/guardian)
- Attendance at the Retreat Day (candidate only)

See the *2026 Confirmation Program Schedule* overleaf for more details.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COMMIT TO THE WHOLE PROGRAM THIS YEAR PLEASE ENROL NEXT YEAR.

ALL parts of the Confirmation program are compulsory.

Non-attendance may result in withdrawal from the program.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT POINTS:

- **Enrolment:** Enrolment forms will now be completed at the Parent Information Night on Wednesday, 11 March at 6:30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama. **Cost: \$35 per candidate, payable on enrolment** (to cover costs of the program). EFT will be available.
- **Sponsor:** The Candidate needs 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 so long as they meet the criteria.
- **Retreat Day – Wednesday 17 June:** **Candidate only.** 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. The retreat will be held in Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall from 9:00am to 3:00pm.
- **Confirmation Ceremony:** Thursday, 25 June, 7:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul church. **Candidates are to be at the Parish Hall by 6:30pm.**

2026 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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COMPULSORY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CANDIDATE ATTENDANCE	PARENT ATTENDANCE
Parent Information and Enrolment Night – please bring Candidate's Baptism and First Holy Communion certificates for enrolment	Wed 11 March	6:30pm	Ss Peter & Paul Church	NO	Yes
Commitment Mass - <i>Confirmation kits will be issued after Mass</i> Attend one Mass only for Commitment Mass, and also for each session listed below.	Sat - Sun 21/22 March	6:00pm Sat, 6:00pm Sun	Ss Peter & Paul Church	Yes	Yes
Return Session 1 of Workbook	Sat - Sun 28/29 March	6:00pm Sat, 6:00pm Sun	Ss Peter & Paul Church	Yes	Yes
Easter Long Weekend & School Holidays NO WORK WILL BE COLLECTED DURING THIS TIME	Friday 3 April – Sunday 27 April <i>You are very welcome to attend Mass during this time but please don't bring any Confirmation work with you. Any work left in the church will have to be done again and handed in on the correct date.</i>				
Return Saints' Project – NB: Sunday Mass now begins at 5pm. <i>Workbooks are to be collected at the end of Mass</i>	Sat - Sun 2/3 May	6:00pm Sat, 5:00pm Sun	Ss Peter & Paul Church	Yes	Yes
Return Session 2 of Workbook	Sat - Sun 9/10 May	6:00pm Sat, 5:00pm Sun	Ss Peter & Paul Church	Yes	Yes
Return Reflection Sheets 1 and 2 <i>Workbooks are to be collected at the end of Mass</i>	Sat - Sun 16/17 May	6:00pm Sat, 5:00pm Sun	Ss Peter & Paul Church	Yes	Yes
Return Session 3 of Workbook <i>Reflection Sheets are to be collected at the end of Mass</i>	Sat - Sun 23/24 May	6:00pm Sat, 5:00pm Sun	Ss Peter & Paul Church	Yes	Yes
Return Reflection Sheet 3 <i>Workbooks are to be collected at the end of Mass</i>	Sat - Sun 30 May/1 Jun	6:00pm Sat, 5:00pm Sun	Ss Peter & Paul Church	Yes	Yes
Return Session 4 of Workbook and Retreat Day permission form <i>Reflection Sheets are to be collected at the end of Mass</i>	Sat - Sun 6/7 Jun	6:00pm Sat, 5:00pm Sun	Ss Peter & Paul Church	Yes	Yes
Return Reflection Sheet 4 <i>Workbooks are to be collected at the end of Mass</i>	Sat - Sun 13/14 Jun	6:00pm Sat, 5:00pm Sun	Ss Peter & Paul Church	Yes	Yes
Retreat Day – Candidates to be at Parish Hall by 9:00am <i>Reflection Sheet 4 will be returned during the retreat</i>	Wed 17 June	9:00am to 3:00pm	Ss Peter & Paul Parish Hall	Yes	NO
Confirmation Celebration – Candidates to be at Parish Hall by 6:30pm	Thu 25 June	6:30pm	Ss Peter & Paul Church	6:30pm in Hall	7:00pm in Church