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Home Based Religious Education Program for Children Attending Non- Catholic Primary Schools

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Home Based Religious Education Program. This is a Sacramental Program offered for students whose parents believe that it's timely for their child/children to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. The program is conducted during the period from February to September every year.

Details of the program is as follows:

- Pre-Sacrament Class, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation Classes
Attend eight Workshops once a month on a Tuesday.
- All the Sacraments have one compulsory child/parent preparation class where the details of the program is explained with clear instructions of the roles and responsibilities of the parents, children and parish.
- At the beginning of the program, each child will be given a "Sacramental Journey" booklet. With the expectation, that children and their families will attend regular Sunday Mass during the preparation of the program. More information on this will be explained during our Parent's meeting.
- The program also will include any child from grade 3 to 5 who wishes to be baptised.
- All children who have not had previous religious instructions in a Catholic school or in a Parish Sacramental class must enroll in the Pre-Sacrament class. This year will give you a basis for the following years and must be completed before beginning preparation for Reconciliation.
- If this is your child's first year in the program, we require a copy of child's Baptism certificate if he/she is baptised.

- Children in a Catholic Primary school wishing to be baptised are asked to enroll in the Pre-Sacrament class. After Baptism at the end of the year, you will be able to complete your Sacramental Journey at your own school.
- All correspondence during the program will be via email so please check regularly for reminders or updates. If you would prefer to receive information in another form, please advise us.

Please remember this is a Home Based Program, regular parent involvement and support is very necessary but also always remember we are only a phone call away if you need help.

If you are interested, please fill in the attached enrolment form and return to the Parish Office before 20th December 2021.

FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR 2022

If you contribute to our Parish Stewardship Program, the fees are \$130.00 per child or \$180.00 for two or more. However if you do not contribute your fees will be \$190.00 per child and \$260.00 for two or more.

To be in Stewardship Program you need to be registered and have an envelope number. This money is used for the upkeep of the Parish.

If you wish to join the Stewardship Program, please contact our Finance Officer at the Parish Office on 97414144.

All Fees are to be paid prior to the First Workshop. However, no child will ever be denied the opportunity to receive the Sacraments due to financial difficulties. If any Family needs to arrange a payment plan due to financial circumstances please contact the Parish Office prior to the first workshop.

Payment can be made by Bank Transfer or to the Parish Office during office hours please. We do not accept payment at any workshops. Please contact the Parish office for bank details.

Please remember to mention ‘**HBRE**’ when you do the transfer and email receipt to werribee@cam.org.au Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

Benita Dahanayake

HBRE Coordinator- St. Andrew's Parish