



A local school with a global outlook

CONFIRMATION 2021

On Wednesday 17 March 6.00 pm, Bishop Jeremy Greaves will come to the School to confirm St Margaret's girls who are in Years 9 - 12, as well as other adult members of the school community.

As we progress through our teenage years, we take on more responsibility for our actions and become adult members of society. At this time, we are often moved to stand up for what we believe.

Within the contemporary Anglican Christian tradition, this progression is marked by the sacrament of Confirmation. In this rite, young people (and adults) confirm for themselves the promises which their parents and godparents made for them at their baptism. It is a more "public" declaration that they belong to the Church and a sign that they are taking personal responsibility for their religious faith. The group of people to be confirmed together make a formal statement of their faith before the Bishop, who serves as a representative of the universal Church. The bishop then confirms each person individually through the laying on of hands. For those who have not been baptised and want to be confirmed, the bishop may also administer the sacrament of Baptism in this service.

Our contemporary perception of Confirmation is sometimes confusing, as our Anglican tradition has changed somewhat in the past two decades. I was confirmed at the age of eight and could then receive communion. In the contemporary Anglican Church, children as young as seven can be admitted to Holy Communion and are then confirmed at a later age.

It is important to prepare well for such an important occasion and candidates will be required to attend a series of classes during Term 1 during their lunchtime, where they will learn more about their Christian faith and about being a Christian in the world. This should be nurturing rather than threatening. There is no need to "know all the answers", but rather a desire to ask questions and wrestle with answers. The classes will be at lunchtime in the school chapel on the following days, 16th 23rd February, 2nd March, 16th March. It is expected that the students attend these gatherings.

If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it to me via the School Support schoolsupport@stmargarets.qld.edu.au no later than 11 February. If you have any queries, please phone me on 3862 0716 or email scrothers-robertson@stmargarets.qld.edu.au

Yours in Christ

The Rev'd Susan Crothers-Robertson

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Please return to Rev Susan via School Support office, no later than 10 February.

Full Name: Form:

Date of Birth:

I wish to be confirmed on Wednesday 17 March.

I have been baptised. Please attached a scanned copy of baptism certificate.

I have not been baptised and would like to be baptised at the Confirmation service

Signature:

Student

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Parent

St Margaret's Anglican Girls School