



STATEMENT OF FAITH BACKGROUND

The Statement of Faith Background is used to determine priority amongst applicants for places at St Joseph's Catholic College. Some Parishes might have their own Parish Priest's Reference form for the primary school, however this is the only form acceptable to this College. In this way similar information about each applicant will be available. This form is to be given to the Parish Priest for endorsement and returned to the College with the application for admission.

SECTION A (To be filled in by Parent)

For Enrolment into Year _____ For 20 _____

FAMILY DETAILS

Student's Full Name: _____

Address: _____ Post Code: _____

Telephone Number (Home): _____ Religion: _____

Primary School(s) attended by applicant (K-Yr2) _____

(Yr3-Yr4) _____

(Yr5-Yr6) _____

Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Parish of Worship _____ Parish Priest: _____

SACRAMENTS RECEIVED BY STUDENT

Baptism Place & date _____

Confirmation Place & date _____

Reconciliation Place & date _____

First Eucharist Place & date _____

In what way were parents involved in preparing the candidate for sacraments of initiation?

CONTRIBUTION OF FAMILY TO PARISH LIFE

Families may contribute to parish life in many different ways. Please write down those areas in which some of your family contribute regularly.

1. Mass Attendance

Each week Once a month Few times a year Rarely

2. Liturgy Involvement

At Mass members of the family participate in the following ways:

Acolyte Altar server Offertory Gifts Eucharistic Minister Reader Warden Musician

Other (please specify.) _____

3. Other Parish Involvement

Members of the family are involved in parish life by participation in Prayer group Youth Group
Bible Study Catholic Women's League Parish Council Special Care Group Legion of Mary
 Family Group St. Vincent de Paul Altar Society Counters

Other (please specify.) _____

4. Financial Contribution to Parish

Does the family regularly contribute to the planned giving or weekly envelopes (Yes/No) _____

5. Contribution to Parish School or Primary School of the Applicant

How has the family been involved in the activities of the primary school [Support groups (reading, library, excursions etc), Canteen, Fete, P & F.]

Please feel free to attach any further information to this form, which you may wish the parish priest and the enrolment committee to consider.

REFEREES

The Parish Priest may not be aware of the family's involvement in the life of the Parish. Applicants are invited to name referees, who can validate their contribution to parish life. Please provide contact numbers for referees as the Parish Priest or the enrolment committee may want to contact them.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

SECTION B

(To be completed by Parish Priest)

PARISH PRIEST’S CONFIRMATION OF STATEMENT

Student Name: _____

Please tick **one** of the following

- I am able to verify as accurate the information contained in this Statement of Faith Background.
- I am unable to verify **some** of the information contained in this Statement of Faith Background.

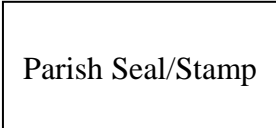
The Enrolment Committee should seek further confirmation in the following areas:

- I have **reservations** about some of the information contained in this Statement of Faith Background in particular _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Signed: _____ Priest’s Name: _____

Parish: _____



Please return completed document to:
 The Secretary to the Principal
 St Joseph’s Catholic College
 P.O. Box 4041
 EAST GOSFORD. 2250

ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

St Joseph's Catholic College offers a distinctive kind of education as described in the Enrolment Handbook.

The most suitable applicants for places at St Joseph's, therefore, are those students whose family and community support the child's growth towards leading a life which finds its meaning and energy in the Christian Way of life.

The *Statement of Faith Background* is an instrument which is used by parents to demonstrate that their daughter has been formed and nurtured in the Christian Way and has been initiated and nurtured in a believing and worshipping community.

Part A of the *Statement of Faith Background* is the parents' personal assessment of the extent to which they are involved in encouraging their children's formation in a faith tradition, which is exercised in a community of believers. It may, therefore, be appropriate for some parents to attach to the *Statement* references from other parishioners who are aware of valuable contributions made to the community that are not known by the community at large. The St Joseph's Enrolment Committee will be required to determine each applicant's eligibility and priority, largely, from the evidence submitted on the *Application Form* and the *Statement of Faith Background*. It is imperative that the forms submitted provide the evidence necessary for the committee to make fair and valid judgements.

Parents should arrange, through the Parish Office, an opportunity for the Parish Priest to complete Section B of the *Statement* which is the Parish Priest's validation of the assessment made by the parents in Section A. Some Parish Priests find that this is best done in an interview. Interviews are arranged to take place during May. Parents of children of a faith tradition other than Catholic are required to obtain a reference from the Minister of the parish community with whom they worship and submit the reference to the Parish Priest of the Catholic Parish with the completed *Statement of Faith Background*.

When the Parish Priest has completed Section B of the *Statement* he will arrange to have the completed *Statement* forwarded to the College. Please do not delay submitting the rest of your application, the Statement of Faith form will be sent directly to the College by the Parish Office.

For your convenience the parish details are provided below.

St Patricks

76 York Street
EAST GOSFORD NSW 2250
Ph: 4325 1042 Fax: 4323 3826

Our Lady of the Rosary, Wyoming

92 Glennie Street
NORTH GOSFORD NSW 2250
Ph: 4324 3962 Fax: 4324 8415

Holy Cross

55 Kincumber Street
KINCUMBER NSW 2251
Ph: 4369 1211 Fax: 4369 7211

Our Lady Star of the Sea

165 Serpentine Road
TERRIGAL NSW 2260
Ph: 4367 4610 Fax: 4367 4630

St John the Baptist

54 Victoria Road
WOY WOY NSW 2256
Ph: 4341 1073 Fax: 4333 5344