Profile of St Madeleine’s Primary School

St Madeleine’s Primary School was established in 1987 to cater for the needs of children in Catholic families of St Madeleine’s Parish.

The school exists to support and reinforce the beliefs and values of the Catholic family. While all parts of the curriculum are essential, Religious Education takes pride of place in an environment where the complete development of the child is fundamental. Children are encouraged to meet the person of Jesus and are invited to share in the life of the Christian Community which is characterised by Gospel values. These values should provide an environment where students, parents and staff:

- respect each other ensuring dignity for all
- experience partnership
- communicate openly and with confidence
- work together for the development and well-being of each child.

The school motto, **Love Learning**, is but one of a number of high ideals that characterise the quality of excellence that is sought at every level in the school.

Parental Involvement

St Madeleine’s operates on the principle that the task of imparting education belongs primarily to the family and that parents have a right in regard to the education of their children. Thus, parents of children accepted at St Madeleine’s must be willing to be part of the education process. To this end the school will make every effort to involve parents in classroom activities, liturgies, sports, concerts, etc. Parents are vital contributors to the life of St Madeleine’s Primary School.

As St Madeleine’s is a Parish School, Catholic ideals and doctrine are taught. It is expected that these will be supported and practised by families at home and in their daily lives. Parental involvement in the Parish Sacramental Program of Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation is fundamental to the philosophy of the school.

Criteria for Enrolment at St Madeleine’s School

- The child is baptised a Catholic Christian
- Parents are practising Catholics and support the Parish and School Community
- The child’s family reside within the boundaries of the Kenthurst Parish
- Parents are members of the parish envelope system
- Children whose 5th birthday occurs on or before July 31st, of the year of entry into Kindergarten are eligible
Boundaries
St Madeleine’s Parish takes in the area of Kenthurst, Annangrove, Glenorie, Glenhaven and Dural.

Enrolment Committee
According to the norms set out in the Parramatta Diocesan Policy Statement a committee comprising of the Parish Priest, the School Principal, the Pastoral Associate and one or more representatives of the Parish Community, selected by the Parish Priest, shall supervise enrolments.

Financial Considerations
No family will be excluded from St Madeleine’s on financial grounds. Families admitted to St Madeleine’s School are encouraged and expected to contribute to the Parish Envelope system. The amount contributed is not for consideration by any committee but remains confidential between the family and the Parish Priest. This contribution helps us to support the Parish ministeries. The situations of family hardship and financial difficulty will be treated with sensitivity and confidentiality. School Fees are set by the Catholic Education Office and are an additional financial commitment. Inability to pay fees fully or in part is not an obstacle to enrolment provided that all stated criteria are met. Meeting these fees can be discussed with the Principal.

Special Needs
Children with disabilities are given consideration in accordance with the Catholic Education criteria. An adviser in Special Education from the Catholic Education Office will report to the Principal on any special needs of the child and the facility of St Madeleine’s to provide these.