THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
AT THE LAKES

- Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their child. Faith education by parents begins in the child’s earliest years, such as showing them how to pray, reading easy bible stories about Jesus.

- The Parish Based Family Centred Sacramental Process creates particular opportunities for parents to continue sharing the faith with their child.

- Faith, example, motivation and devotion are primary gifts which are nurtured in this Sacramental Program.

- Parents of children who have been baptised and have reached the age of discretion (Year 2) are invited to present their child as a candidate for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

- The Sacramental Team in the Lakes Parish co-ordinate and assist parents as they prepare their children to prepare for the reception of the sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation.

- The Lakes Parish follows the Sacramental Program that is approved by the Diocese of Broken Bay.

- The parish based, family centred process provides opportunities for parents and children to come together to inquire and reflect upon the faith into which their children are being initiated.

- The Sacramental Process includes -
  - Parents’ Information Evenings.
  - Reflections for Parents
  - Weekly group gatherings over four weeks as each sacrament is being explored.
  - Attendance at Sunday Mass for the 4 weeks before each Sacrament.
  - Children’s work sheets.