Dear Parents,

Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent.

When your child was baptised, you made a commitment to raise them in the Catholic faith. Catholic Schools provide a vital role in fulfilling that commitment. Sending your child to a Catholic School ensures that they will be educated in a faith environment and will learn to live as Jesus did – with love and compassion for others.

Since being ordained Bishop of Broken Bay, I have had the chance to visit most of our primary and secondary schools. This has been one of the most enjoyable parts of my duties and has provided me with the opportunity to learn about the rich tradition of Catholic education in the Diocese, which spans more than 120 years.

Our Catholic Schools continue in this tradition today. Our students grow spiritually, succeed academically, and make important contributions to their communities. What Catholic Schools do best is prepare students for the next step in their life’s journey, to be the leaders of tomorrow. Catholic Schools do a wonderful job of preparing our youth, at their most formative age, to make a home for Jesus in their lives.

These results are accomplished through the wonderful work of our dedicated and professional principals, teachers and staff members, for which I am truly proud and grateful.

Catholic Schools are communities that educate our children academically, physically, socially and spiritually. By sending your child to a Catholic School, your family will become members of a special community, linking church, school and home. As members of a Catholic School community, you will have an opportunity to grow, like your child, in a life of faith.

Once your child is enrolled in a Catholic primary school, you can be assured of stability and continuity in their education as they progress through our K-12 education pathway. Your child will also enjoy class sizes that are conducive to effective learning, and will also receive preferential status when enrolling into a Catholic secondary school.

Most of all, our Catholic Schools represent affordable excellence.

As you prepare to make this important educational decision, please be assured that your family is in my prayers. I hope you become part of this blessed tradition of education of mind, body and spirit. We look to the future with confidence and hope in our young people.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

David L. Walker
BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY