

## Duty of Care Statement & Memorandum of Agreement

for

children attending the Parish Religious Education Program

2015

The Parish of St Emilie (de Vialar) Canning Vale has a duty of care to children attending the after school Parish Religious Education Program on **Tuesday** afternoons during School terms.

Your child's safety and well being are most important, and we seek your support and co-operation. We advise you therefore that:

- Classes commence at 4:00pm and finish at 5:00pm and are held in the School Hall at St Emilie's Catholic Church.
- There will be supervision provided for your child/children ten minutes before and ten minutes after classes.
- Your children must be dropped off and picked up promptly within these times. It is the parent's responsibility to drop off and pick up your child/children.
- Should your child/children arrive before this time and there is no Catechist to supervise, it is your responsibility to supervise your child/children until such time as a Catechist arrives.
- If you are delayed in picking up your child/children, then it is your responsibility to make alternative arrangements.
- In cases of emergency the Catechist Coordinator (Lyn Harkins) can be contacted on 0404 325 900.
- Please observe the Entry & Exit signs for car parking in St Emilie's Catholic School and Church car park. Due care should be taken to ensure all children's safety.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that your child/children attend classes. If your child/children is/are unable to attend then you should contact the Catechist Coordinator on 0404 325 900.

Parish Priest

Catechist Coordinator

Date: 10,10,2014

2015 Timetable for Classes:

Term 1 commences 10.02.15 to 31.03.15 Term 2 commences 21.04.15 to 30.06.15 Term 3 commences 21.07.15 to 22.09.15 Term 4 commences 13.10.15 to 24.11.15

- Classes are offered for all Primary School children attending a Government School, from Year 1 to Year 7 and you are strongly encouraged to send your child/children every year to help develop their faith as they mature.
- The following Sacraments are offered:

Year 3 Reconciliation

Year 4 First Holy Communion

Year 6/7 Confirmation

- Parents of children enrolling in the RE Program are required to fill out an Enrolment Form.
- A fee (payable on enrolment) of \$25 per child or \$35 for two or more children is charged to cover resource costs. There is an extra \$10 fee for children making the Sacrament of Reconciliation or First Eucharist and a \$15 extra fee for children making the Sacrament of Confirmation which will cover the making of their Confirmation stole.
- All resources are supplied by the Program, ie pencils, pens, stationery, etc.
- All children making a Sacrament in 2015 must attend a Commitment Mass and parent/child workshop. Parents will also need to fill in a 'Parish Sacramental Program Enrolment Form'. You will be advised when these forms are available in the foyer of the Church.

Fr. Chien and the Parish Sacramental Team strongly encourage a commitment from parents (as the first faith educators of your children) to attend Saturday or Sunday mass with your children on a regular basis. Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 7.15am, 9.00am and 5pm.

- Our Catechists would appreciate written information if your child has special needs, i.e. ADHD, and/or sensory or learning impairments; including strategies you put into action to handle difficult situations.
- During 2015 there will be several Paraliturgies organised as part of your child's faith education and we encourage at least one parent to attend.
- We recommend that your child has some afternoon tea before they come to class. It is quite acceptable for the children to bring a bottle of water with them to class.
- Parents you are more than welcome to attend class with your child as often as you can manage.

If you have any queries, please contact the Catechist Coordinator (Lyn Harkins) at home on mobile 0404 325 900 or by email <a href="mailto:lharkins@iinet.net.au">lharkins@iinet.net.au</a>

Our Parish Catechists are dedicated volunteers who have completed (or are enrolled in) an Initial Formation Course with the Catholic Education Office (WA) Catechist Service Team.

We thank you in anticipation of your support and co-operation.