



Dear Sacred Heart families,

My name is Andrea Woodgate and I am the Principal of St Joseph's School in Northam. Each year I visit the community at Sacred Heart Catholic School and speak to the children and parents about the opportunities that exist at St Joseph's School in Northam for children once they have graduated from Sacred Heart

St Joseph's has grown significantly over the last two years and many of you may have heard on the grapevine, that for families trying to gain a place for their child in Year 7 it has become quite difficult.

I would like to reassure you that I have been working with my School Advisory Council to find a solution to this problem for the students of Sacred Heart. It is important to us that students are able to stay at Sacred Heart until the end of Year 6.

As a neighbouring Catholic school in the Wheatbelt, St Joseph's School considers Sacred Heart to be a feeder school and so for those who would like for their child to continue in Catholic education throughout their Secondary schooling ,we would like to put in place the following process for Sacred Heart families:

- Family submits an application form to St Joseph as early as possible. Preferably by the time the child is in Semester One during Year 4.
- For those who have an application form in we will interview the student in Semester 2 of Year 4.
- An offer of a place will be provided and if this is taken up by the family an enrolment fee of \$500 will need to be paid in order to secure the place. This amount will be deducted off the Year 7 fees once the student starts.
- If the above process is followed then a place will be held for Years 5 & 6 for an entry into Year 7.
- Please note that unfortunately we will not be able to guarantee a place for those who submit an application form later than Year 4

I hope that this process will help to ease concerns families may be having about their choice of Secondary schooling for their children. We hope that this partnership with Sacred Heart will allow both schools to continue to thrive.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the office at either St Joseph's Northam or Sacred Heart in Goomalling.

Take care,

Andrea Woodgate

Principal