ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL
TWEED HEADS

VISION
STATEMENT
2014

St. Joseph’s School, Tweed Heads, is a Christian Community centred round the person of Christ.

We aim to: -

➢ Instil Christian Values and an education in the Catholic Faith

➢ Offer a progressive approach to education with continual review of strategies and processes used across all K.L.A.’s

➢ Develop a strong spirit of co-operation between Staff, Parents, Pupils and the wider Parish Community.

Our School Motto –

“ALWAYS FAITHFUL ALWAYS PROUD”
St. Joseph’s School had its beginning in 1917. It was established by the Ursuline Sisters.

In 1952, when the Ursuline Sisters were withdrawn, the Lismore Presentation Sisters answered an invitation from the Bishop and the Parish Priest to continue the great work already begun. In the years that followed, the growth of the Tweed population resulted in the continued growth of the school.

At the conclusion of 1987 the Presentation Sisters withdrew their Principalship of St. Joseph’s School. It is now under the leadership of a Lay Principal but the Presentation Sisters continue to live and work in the Parish.

In 1993, Stage 1 of the new parish primary school, St James, Banora Point, was completed and Years 5 and 6 relocated to that site. From the commencement of 1994 St James operated as a separately registered school, catering in 1994 for Years 4, 5 and 6. In 1994 St. Joseph’s Primary School Tweed Heads continued to provide Catholic education for Kindergarten to Year 3 children.

Because of increased demand for places in our Catholic primary schools, a decision was made to establish two primary schools in the Parish. In 1995, St Joseph’s Primary School catered for Kindergarten to Year 4. Year 5 was added in 1996 and Year 6 in 1997 thus completing the transition back to a Kindergarten to Year 6 school, under the guidance of Principal Mrs Beverly Kelso. Mrs Kelso retired at the end of 2001 and was replaced by Mr Tony Boyle.

During 2001 /2002 school years major restoration and renovations were undertaken by the Parish to upgrade the Library and Administration areas. The Library which was the original school building was rededicated in May 2002 by the new Bishop of Lismore Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett. In 2003 a major refurbishment of primary classrooms was undertaken along with the resurfacing of the school playground. In 2004 the final stage of refurbishment of the school’s exterior was completed with the painting of the main building.

The students of St. Joseph’s are drawn from a wide area – Coolangatta, Tweed Central, South and West Tweed, Bilambil Heights, Carool, Piggabeen, Terranora, Banora Point and other Queensland areas.