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FRIENDS OF HOLY CROSS

*For a Nurturing, Caring, Compassionate, Welcoming
and Connected Community*

Friends of Holy Cross is a group of parents and friends from the College community who wish to make a special contribution to their children's education through active participation in the life of the College.

Why do we have a parents and friends group?

The Bishops of Western Australia recognise that the support of parents and the school community is critical in the education process and, therefore, urge parents and friends to take every opportunity to be involved. *"Catholic schools would not exist without the outstanding dedication and contribution of parents. We thank parents for all that they currently contribute to Catholic schools. We urge all concerned to support their schools as far as possible."*

Research shows that students whose parents are actively involved in their education achieve enhanced outcomes. Dwyer (*Catholic School Studies, May 2001*) suggests that:

- A student's performance is strongly influenced by his or her parents' attitude to the school.
- Achievement levels tend to rise when parents are seen to be interested and involved in their child's schooling.
- Parental involvement can increase good will and help develop a real sense of community within the school.
- Parents have many ideas and skills that can be very useful to their school community.

How does it operate and what do they do?

The Friends of Holy Cross is comprised of The Executive Council and all members of the Holy Cross College community willing and interested in participating and supporting the aims of the Friends of Holy Cross and the College. Friends of Holy Cross meets twice per term: one meeting in the morning and one meeting in the evening and is open to all members of the Holy Cross College Community.

The Friends of Holy Cross Executive is an elected body consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Principal or delegate (ex-officio).

There are four permanent councils that mirror the four College LIFE Pillars:

Learning Council	supports educational events conducted or supported by the College and organises parent educational seminars and workshops.
Inter-relationships Council	organises social opportunities to build community spirit and provide opportunities for the College community to gather.
Faith Council	supports the liturgical events of the College and provides faith formation activities for parents.
Enrichment Council	organises fundraising activities and supports the enrichment activities of the college.

How can I participate?

Parents can help by:

- nominating for a position on the Executive Council;
- leading or joining one of the LIFE Councils;
- attending Friends of Holy Cross meetings (two per term – one morning and one evening);
- volunteering to provide assistance at Friends of Holy Cross events; and
- attending Friends of Holy Cross events and supporting Friends of Holy Cross initiatives.

To register your willingness to assist the work of the Council please complete the attached form and return it to the College Office no later than Wednesday, 29 November.

FRIENDS OF HOLY CROSS COMMITMENT FOR 2018

Parent 1

Name: _____
Signature: _____
Contact Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Parent 2

Name: _____
Signature: _____
Contact Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Name of Student	Year Level	Name of Student	Year Level

Please complete each section below indicating the areas in which you are willing to be involved.

Friends of Holy Cross Council

I/we would like to take on a coordinating role on the following Council(s):	Please tick
Executive Council member - <i>please specify position:</i>	
LIFE council coordinator – <i>please specify council:</i>	

I/we would like to assist with the following Council(s):		Please tick
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Friends of Holy Cross Activities I am interested in assisting with

I/we would like to assist with:	Please tick
Hospitality: providing refreshments for college events, and / or preparing and serving food for college events, and /or assisting with hospitality at college events	
Sausage Sizzles –sports carnivals, college welcome night, feast day celebrations	
Book Fair	
Mothers' / Fathers' day stalls and raffles	
Quiz Night	
College open day tours – parent information orientation sessions	
Carols by candlelight event	
Parent Camino Pilgrimage walks	
LifeLink Sleepover Breakfast	
Easter Hot Cross Bun Drive	
College production catering	
Pastoral care; Supporting members of the College community who may be suffering grief, loss or hardship through assistance with transport, meals etc	
Other ways I / we could help (specify)	

Other College General Volunteer Work

I/we would like to assist with:	Please tick
Learning Resource Centre – book covering, displays etc	
Busy Bees	
Uniform Shop – assistance during busy times	
In-class assistance in Junior School classes - Year Level:	
Sports Coaching:	
Swimming (Summer Term and Spring Term)	
Cross-country (Autumn 2)	
Athletics (Winter Term)	
Other ways I / we could help (specify)	