

Monday, 12 June 2017

Mr John Bates  
Principal  
St James Catholic Primary School  
72 Kirkland Ave  
COORPAROO QLD 4151

Dear John,

**Re: Testimonial - St James Catholic Primary School, Coorparoo**

In 2011 our association with St James Coorparoo commenced when we needed to find a suitable primary school for our daughter, Luella (started 2012) and subsequently her sister, Sabine (started 2014).

We did not know much about the school before our formal interview but immediately we were put at ease and welcomed into the school community. Instinctively, we knew we had found our school.

We can definitely say that St James has suited our girls well, and us as their parents.

The quality of St James' teachers is outstanding. Teachers are highly skilled - reviewing teaching methods and maintaining teaching excellence is a core part of how the school operates. Teachers and other staff at St James are gentle and kind, matched to their strong commitment to pastoral care and Christian values. They actively instill in students a love of learning, a strong sense of self worth and a belief that our girls can excel as students and as people. We have been thrilled that our girls have had the support and guidance of so many wonderful people.

In addition, being a small school has not diminished the experiences and opportunities for our girls. From school musicals, school band and choir through to excursions and zone sports competitions, our children have had exposure to all the activities you would expect and want from any school.

Indeed, being a small school has been a positive with the benefit of our children knowing others across year groups and in turn we have got to know parents as well. An active parent community has seen strong friendships made across and down through the year groups, reinforced through the fun social events that occur through the year.

Overall, St James has been an excellent school for our family and we would highly recommend St James Coorparoo to anyone wanting exceptional teaching in a personal and intimate schooling environment for their family.

Regards,  
Julianne and David Thannhauser