



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



Holy Child Primary
Dallas

Birthday Policy, Students

Rationale

One of the milestones each year for students is celebrating their birthday. Celebrating student birthdays is important and should be acknowledged. At Holy Child PS we believe birthdays should be celebrated within their class or grade level.

Vision Statement

As people of God, the community of Holy Child continually seeks wisdom, knowledge and grace. Our learners are empowered to create a just and caring world. We never see a need without doing something about it.

Aim

To ensure that birthday celebrations are conducted in such a way as to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and do not conflict or interfere with the school's education programs.

Implementation

- Birthdays are a special occasion acknowledged by singing 'Happy Birthday' with peers and wearing a birthday badge / sticker for the day.
- Students will be made to feel 'special' on their birthday in ways suitable to their age group.
- The safety and health of our students is of utmost importance therefore food treats are not an option for birthdays.
- Student birthday's which occur over the weekend, will have their birthday acknowledged on the following Monday.
- Birthday cakes will not be permitted for sharing at school as students with a wide range of moderate, severe, or life threatening allergies to various nuts, milk products, wheat, soy, strawberries, kiwi and much more may be part of the school community. It is exceedingly difficult to verify the ingredients in every food product that is brought to school.
- Birthday party celebrations will need to remain out of school hours. Cakes and lollies provided by parents cannot be distributed by staff to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and that no student with an allergy feels discriminated against as they cannot participate.
- Birthday invitations must be distributed by parents / carers outside school hours. Teachers are not responsible for distributing party invitations.
- Parents / carers will be informed of this policy through a yearly reminder in the school and during the year via school newsletters and through the distribution of this policy to all new families joining our school community.

Evaluation

This Policy will be part of a four year cycle and be evaluated in 2026.

