



Holy Family School & Parish: Strength and Gentleness Across the Generations

As Holy Family Parish prepares to celebrate its Centenary in 2026, our school community offers heartfelt gratitude for nearly a century of shared mission at Indooroopilly.

Holy Family School opened its doors in January 1928, led by five pioneering Brigidine Sisters who arrived at the invitation of Archbishop James Duhig to work alongside Father J Prout. On 30 January 1928, 101 pupils were welcomed in the parish hall; later that year, on 17 August 1928, Archbishop James Duhig blessed and officially opened the school. These moments mark the beginning of our enduring partnership with the Parish in forming young hearts and minds in faith.

Our campus carries living traces of this shared history. The current school administration building began life as the original Holy Family church and, over the decades, was adapted as classrooms to meet the needs of growing enrolments—a tangible reminder that, here, worship and learning have always belonged together.

Holy Family is a generational school: alumni return with their own children or to work in the school; families serve on committees and ministries; parishioners volunteer in classrooms and celebrate milestones by our side. We remain a community known for inclusivity, a strong sense of belonging, and a shared commitment to the holistic growth of each child.

From St Brigid's legacy to the Brigidine Sisters' pioneering service, our charism finds daily expression in the classroom and the playground, at assemblies and Mass, and in outreach beyond our campus. "Strength and Gentleness—Excellence Every Day" names the aspiration we hold with the Parish: that courage, compassion, and high expectations for learning together shape our children to live the Gospel and serve the common good.

As the Parish celebrates 100 years, we renew our shared mission: to teach, challenge, and transform in Christ. We will keep building spaces where prayer and learning meet; keep forming students who think deeply, act justly, and love tenderly; and keep nurturing the bonds between Parish, school, and families that have sustained Holy Family since 1928.

For more about our story and community life, visit the Holy Family School website: www.holyfamilyps.qld.edu.au

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