Introduction:

Initiation into the Church's sacramental life is the means through which one enters more fully into the life of the faith community. It is therefore proper that the faith community, expressed in the parish, be responsible for and intimately involved in the sacramental preparation and presentation of children.

Guidelines:

1. The Archdiocesan Sacramental Policy - "Children and the Sacraments" should be consulted. It is available from the Liturgical Commission at the Catholic Centre, 143 Edward Street, Brisbane.

2. Sacramental initiation is parish-oriented. The school plays a supporting role.

3. Regular instruction in the sacraments is provided through the ordinary religion class. However, this should be distinguished from the immediate parish-based preparation.

4. No special First Confession, First Communion or Confirmation classes are conducted in the school.

5. The school does not establish an expectation that students are automatically admitted to the sacraments at a particular class level. Parish Priest, parents, and the parish sacramental team all have a role in ascertaining the readiness of the child for further sacramental initiation.