



2026

CONFIRMATION

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ROMANS 12: 1&2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

INTRODUCTION MEETING

ALL DAY CONFIRMATION

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

LOVE LANGUAGES

CONFO CAMP

HOLIDAY CLUB

PARENTS EVENING & BAPTISMS

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

YOUTH CAMP



Dear Parent,

We are so glad that you are joining us for the Confirmation adventure!

Confirmation originated as an opportunity to 'confirm' one's commitment to Christ, for those who were baptised as a baby. Today, it is so much more than that. It is an opportunity to discover and learn more about Jesus and this community of people we call 'church'. Every year, Walmer Methodist Church gathers a unique group of students in the senior phase of high school. They gather to grow, to learn, to ask questions and to become leaders of a generation who know nothing is impossible with Jesus. This is where your teen comes in.

Our goal is to cultivate an environment of honesty, vulnerability and an unbridled passion for the person of Jesus Christ. **We believe we will accomplish this goal by:**

1. Providing mentors with whom the confirmands can build relationship, and in whom they can see the characteristics of Jesus.
2. Establishing identity through the personal development YES course in term one.
3. Establishing a foundation in Christ and His Word through the Alpha Course.
4. Tackling life's hardest questions such as dating, relationships, how do we use the Bible, why do we use the Bible, Methodism and other religions, baptism and our connection to the gifts of the Spirit, and Walmer Methodist Church.

As a confirmand parent, your role is so much more important than ours could ever be.

Your spiritual leadership at home is vital in their process to maturity and growth in Jesus. We value your input and participation in your child's Confirmation journey.

There are, however, a few things that you could do to help us give your teen the best experience possible.

1. Please make sure that your teen is at **WMC promptly at 15:00 on Sundays.**
2. We understand that life does get busy with sport, school, homework and sometimes even just finding time to eat, but because of the spiritual input and guidance you will receive, we encourage students to attend every session. **80% attendance** is required to graduate from the programme. If you miss 5 sessions without a valid reason, **you will unfortunately not be able to graduate.**
3. Confirmands are required to attend and serve in our Sunday services, which are at 9:00 and 17:30. This commitment is highly valuable to a healthy church life. Please be supportive of your teen's Friday evenings and Sundays with us (Junior Youth from 17:30 to 19:00 and Connect from 19:30 to 21:00).
4. Be sure to diarise any important upcoming Confo Events.
5. Our Family Ministries Department is offering a number of courses throughout the year. Details of the courses will be communicated closer to the time by our Family Ministries Co-ordinator, Julie Roote. We strongly encourage you to attend these courses as parents.
6. Our Family Ministries Co-ordinator will create a Confo Parents WhatsApp group. **This is ONLY to communicate any information throughout the course of the year.**

We are so excited to have you join us on this journey, and trust that your life will be more impacted through your teen's adventure than you ever imagined! We look forward to partnering with you!



Dear Confirmand,

Around about now is a great time to look in the mirror, because in 8 months' time, you are not going to recognise that human!

Confirmation is all about growth. Growing is hard, we know, but we are here to help you. Grow with us – grow in relationship, grow in knowledge and grow in loving yourself and the people around you.

The most important person in this whole equation is you, without question. We can motivate you, your parents can encourage you, but only you can choose to invest in this year. So, do! This is your opportunity to grow, and it's time for you to decide who you want to be. Ask questions, the hard ones you have never asked before, be real and just be you.

We understand that life gets busy – school pressure is insane, and sport commitments don't always help either. You've got a lot on your plate, we know, but if you choose to be here, we know you won't regret it. We fully believe that it's going to be so much better than you ever thought it would.

If you say 'yes' to Confirmation, then let's get started!
Here's what you'll need to know:

1. Be here by 15:00 on Sundays when sessions are running. You will be at WMC until 19:30, so arrange your lifts accordingly.

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2. From the second term, you are required to serve at Sunday morning Kids Church and/or Friday Night Junior Youth, Tech & Media, or Missions Department. Make sure you free up your schedule over these times.
 3. We understand that life does get busy with sport, school, homework and sometimes even just finding time to eat, but because of the spiritual input and guidance you will receive, we encourage students to attend every session. **80% attendance** is required to graduate from the programme. If you miss **5 sessions without a valid reason, you will unfortunately not be able to graduate.**
 4. Your mentors are there to help you. Make sure you have their number, and feel free to reach out to them when you need to.
 5. Be at Camp. It's epic and unforgettable.
 6. Follow the **Confirmation Civility Code.**
 7. This is your time to grow, ask lots of questions!
 8. Confo is really fun, so don't forget to ENJOY yourself.

Tips to a successful Confo:

1. Take notes: You will receive a Confo notebook at the beginning of the year.
2. Bring a Bible with you and download the YouVersion Bible App.
3. Take pictures! This is a fun season of your life!
4. Be brave. Explore the church and serve!

We are so excited to build a relationship with you this year, and we cannot wait to see the growth that happens in you when you say 'yes' to this adventure!

What will we cover:



LOVE LANGUAGES

Using the work of Dr. Gary Chapman, we talk about the relational dynamics each of us face in family, friendship and professional environments, for Confirmants and parents, with Kathy Balshaw.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Every student deserves the opportunity to learn what they naturally do best and apply their strengths in all areas of their lives. A great way to do this is through a self-awareness approach, with Kathy Balshaw.



WORLD RELIGIONS

We face friends and colleagues who believe very differently to us. Understanding provides grace and context, with Rev. Dave Howard.





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METHODIST SACRAMENTS

Understanding who we are and what we believe as the Methodist Church, with Rev. Dave Howard.



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ALPHA COURSE

Alpha Youth Series is designed to engage students in conversation about life, faith and Jesus.



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BREAD OF LIFE MISSION AND OUTREACH

Serve and explore the missions arm of Walmer Methodist Church and see where you can make a difference through community volunteer work.

SERVING & COMMITMENTS

Part of being in a family looks like serving one another. We believe we will see you grow and come alive as you discover the privilege of being able to serve in a church family context.

You will be able to choose from the following areas:

CONNECT | JUNIOR YOUTH | KIDS CHURCH

MISSION & OUTREACH | TECH & MEDIA CREW | YOUTH BAND

WEEKLY CONFO SESSIONS

Sundays, 15:00 to 17:00. No more than 20% of sessions or services can be missed. This means that you can only miss 5 sessions during the course of the year, with a valid excuse.

SUNDAY SERVICES

09:00 AND 17:30

CONFO CAMP & YOUTH CAMP

HOLIDAY CLUB

June/July School Holidays

DEEP CONVERSATIONS

A once off meeting with Children's Pastor, Belinda Manzi and Youth & Young Adults Pastor, Matthew Stafford.

PROGRAMME COSTS

once off

FULL COST FOR THE YEAR

R 2 500

monthly

MONTHLY PAYMENT OVER 8 MONTHS

R 500 + (R 250 x 8)

First payment of R500 due by 26 January or when registering online. Thereafter 8 monthly payments of R250 is required via EFT from February to September 2026.

OR

MONTHLY PAYMENT OVER 2 MONTHS

R 500 + (R 1000 x 2)

First payment of R500 due by 26 January or when registering online. Thereafter 2 payments of R 1000 is required via EFT, in April and August 2026.

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*Growing deeper.
Reaching further.
Together.*