

*In July, 18 Mater Dei students received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation in Mater Dei Chapel. Here Alida Marando writes about her son Joseph aged 13.*



Joseph really enjoyed making his Confirmation. He would come home and tell us about the special lessons with his teacher Mrs Fahey and he was excited about choosing his Uncle Mark as his sponsor and "Mark" as his Confirmation name. My family and friends who came to the chapel that night were so moved. With all the sacramental ceremonies that we have attended throughout our children's school life, none has left such a personal impression as this one. To see that the teachers, Fr Michael Healy and Bishop Peter Ingham were as proud as we were, was really touching. Mater Dei is a place where children are celebrated and made to feel special and worthwhile, where their uniqueness is cherished and their self esteem thrives.