The school was opened in 1917 by the Presentation Sisters and was under the leadership of the Sisters of St Joseph from 1924 to 1993. Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School has a special concern for the disadvantaged and a commitment to students with disabilities.

The following information about the parish, general community, school and procedures may be of interest to prospective applicants:

**Parish Priest:** Fr Peter Karam

**Approximate Population:** 45,000 City area

**Location:** Lismore is 737 km north of Sydney on branch of Richmond River, 30 km from the coast.

**Enrolment:** Estimate 234 in 2017, Yrs K-6.

**Staff Level:** Anticipate 12.7 FTE in 2017 with other personnel being employed under special programs and through the school/parish budget.

**Plant:** High set wooden structure recently upgraded and refurbished to a high standard.

**Local Economy:** Commercial centre; agriculture – beef, dairy (cheese factory), macadamias; service industries; light industrial area.

**Communications:** On Bruxner Highway in the Richmond River Valley, 27km from Pacific Highway; branch line station for main Sydney-Brisbane rail; major airport.

**Service Facilities:** Nearby Catholic primary, infants and 7-12 secondary schools; range of state & other non-government schools. Hospitals, government offices, Southern Cross University & TAFE in the city.

**General Conditions:** Salary will be according to the approved stipend or the principals award, whichever is appropriate. Superannuation scheme available and portable with other catholic systems. Assistance provided with removal expenses. Initial contract appointment will be for 5 years. During this contract period a formal performance appraisal will be undertaken.

**School Structure:** There will be 10 class groups in 2017 with an leadership team comprising Principal, Assistant Principal, Leader of Catechesis, Leader of Evangelisation, Leader of Curriculum, Leader of Pedagogy and Leader of Sport.

**Processing of Applications:** It is anticipated that a short list of suitable applicants will be finalised by early December 2016. The interview and appointment process should be completed before mid-December 2016. All costs involved in interviews will be met by the Catholic Schools Office.

**School web site:** [http://www.lisslism.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.lisslism.catholic.edu.au/)