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**Saturday:** 6pm (English),

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**Grade 1:** Dion Xuereb, Jo Dragovic & Jin-Young Lee,

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**Grade 3:** Jennifer Khong, Crystal Carmuciano/Jackie

Dabal, Vivian Faraj & TBA

**Grade 4:** Elise Ring, Bruno Pellaschiar, Stefany Nemet

& Janelle Dumaguit

**Grade 5:** Thilini Nanayakkara, Julie Murnane & Raquel McClurg

**Grade 6:** Kathryn Barrie, Jacelle Cablao, Helen Kennedy & Michael Higgins/Kathleen Morrison

**Education in Faith Leader:** Anne-Marie Conte

**Learning & Teaching Leader:** Erin McNally

**Literacy Leader/Intervention:** Jane Hurren

**Literacy Intervention:** Charmaine Briggs,

**Literacy Intervention/Tutor:** Gabrielle Bright,

**Reading Recovery:** Karen Colman.

**Maths Leader/Tutoring P-6:** Erin McNally

**Maths Intervention:** Maryanne Camilleri

**Maths Intervention/Tutor:** Joe Sirianni

**Learning Diversity/Wellbeing Leader:** Julie Semcesen

**Mental Health in Primary Schools Leader (MHIPS) /**

**School Counsellor:** Edward Faraci

**Speech Pathologist:** Claire Huntington

**Family & Community Engagement Leader:**

Crystal Carmuciano

**STEM/ ICT Leader:** Clare Christie

**Music:** Colleen Azzopardi

**Visual Arts:** Shobha Hickey

**Performing Arts:** Carla Lolicato

**Physical Education:** Lenny De Cruz

**LOTE:** Yvonne Rosevear, Joe Sirianni

**EAL/New Arrival:** Irene Jurista

**Library:** Jenny Bistricki & Rita Zammit

**Business Manager:** Sue Smart

**Administration Staff:** Mandy Huong, Stefani Richardson, Georgina Vella

**Community Hub Leader:** Van Nguyen

**Learning Support Officers:** Nwares Bahnam,

Nu Cuai, Menka Dave, Ester Dawt Thluai, Jessica Di

Pietro, Catherine Hoang, Sara Kasko, Erica (Thoa) Le,

Celia (Thoi) Nguyen, Chau Nguyen, Trang Nguyen,

Thi Phan, Dianne Punicki, Elizabeth Sant,

Rosemarie Slater, Julia Vieira, Frances Wulf, Mary

Xuereb, Sarah Xuereb

HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South**

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**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



*On Thursday, 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".*

*The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus.*

*Father in heaven,  
all creation rightly gives you praise,  
for all life and all holiness come from you.*

*In the plan of your wisdom  
she who bore the Christ in her womb  
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.*

*May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness  
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Principal's Message:**

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Last week, I received the sad news that Mr. Charlie Desira OAM passed away after a short illness. Charlie was the driving force behind the Holy Eucharist Loaves and Fishes Food Bank for over 30 years, as well as the Seniors Club. He supported our school community by helping those in need and was also an active member of the Holy Eucharist School Advisory Council. Our condolences go to the Desira family. May Charlie rest in eternal peace.

On a more pleasant note, I am delighted to inform you that our school will receive \$1.4 million. I applied for this funding in October last year, and it will go towards refurbishing the junior building. The Deputy Premier, the Hon. Mr. Dan Carroll MP, together with the Local Member for St Albans, the Hon. Ms. Natalie Suleyman MP, made this announcement at our school in front of a large media crew. We were also privileged to have the Executive Director, Dr. Edward Simons of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), at school to hear the announcement. The Deputy Premier announced that 65 Catholic schools across Victoria will receive funding. I would like to thank our Year 6 School Captains for welcoming our guests and for showing them around the school. Mr. Carroll and Ms. Suleyman visited several classrooms that day.

Last Tuesday evening, our Year Three families and staff attended the Family Faith Evening in preparation for the Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation. A big thank you to our families and staff for their attendance, to Ms. Anne-Marie Conte for organising the evening, and to Mrs. Eloise Meyer from MACS for leading the session.

Finally, I would like to thank all our parents and carers who participated in Parent Support Group (PSG) discussions over the past few months. It was pleasing to see our parents/carers and staff working together in partnership to support our students with diverse needs. A big thank you to Mrs. Julie Semcesen for organising these meetings to support our students, families, and staff, and for collating and submitting the data from our teaching staff in time for the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) submission.

Wishing you all a restful weekend. God Bless!

*Michael Bonnici*

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### REST IN PEACE – CHARLIE DESIRA OAM

I have known Carmelo, better known as Charlie, since I was a child in primary school. Charlie has always been a steadfast supporter of both the parish and the school.

As principal of Holy Eucharist, I've always been able to count on Charlie. If we held a sausage sizzle at school, Charlie ensured we had gas for the BBQ and did his best to source sausages and bread. If he learned of someone in the school community who was in need or facing a tough time, Charlie would organise food parcels from the Food Bank and personally deliver them.

While serving on the School Advisory Council, Charlie consistently offered valuable advice and support. When it was time to organise scholarships for our Year 6 graduation, Charlie would hold a collection and personally deliver the generous donations to the school from the Seniors Club.

Charlie was a role model for our community, embodying the gospel values of respect and dignity. "For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matt 25:35-36). We will miss you, Charlie. Rest in eternal peace.



### HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE \$1.4M TO REFURBISH CLASSROOMS

*(Extract from media articles)*

Last week, Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan and Education Minister Ben Carroll announced that 67 projects at 65 Catholic schools across Victoria, will share in more than \$243 million to expand and modernise existing facilities or build new schools.

These projects are being delivered through the Catholic stream of the Labor Government's building fund for non-government schools, which helps schools upgrade and expand their facilities, ensuring families have the best learning environments for their children.

Deputy Premier, the Hon. Ben Carroll, and the Hon. Natalie Suleyman MP visited Holy Eucharist School on the day of the announcement and spoke in front of a number of media crew.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), Executive Director Dr Edward Simons (who was also at Holy Eucharist) said: "We greatly appreciate the support of Victorian Government which will assist us to keep pace with growing community demand for Catholic education."

Principal Michael Bonnici applied for the funding back in October 2023. Holy Eucharist Primary School in St Albans will receive \$1.4m to refurbish its classrooms, bathrooms and breakout spaces.

Mr Bonnici said the funding was "wonderful news" because it "will assist us by upgrading the building in the junior school and it will also enhance student and staff wellbeing, which in turn help help achieve student learning outcomes".

Please click on the following link for the full article <https://cathnews.com/2024/07/30/low-fee-catholic-schools-get-243m-funding-for-upgrades/>



### VISION FOR INSTRUCTION

Last Friday, our staff participated in Professional Learning on the Science of Learning, which is an important component of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) 2030 Vision for Instruction.

By 2030, MACS aims to become "the benchmark for excellence in teaching and learning, through a coherently integrated, academically competitive and distinctively Catholic educational offering" (MACS 2030: Forming Lives to Enrich the World).

MACS Vision for Instruction "combines what we know about how learning takes place, and the distinctive pedagogical approaches that are needed for effective teaching of literacy and numeracy, with a focus on the development of the whole child... it provides a clear focus for all teachers working in MACS schools to support each other in ensuring that every child thrives at school, and leads a flourishing, fulfilled life".



### STAFF CAR PARK

There have been a few parents who have been stopping across the staff car park entrance driveway on Chedgely drive to drop off and pick up their children. This is not acceptable as it prevents staff from entering and exiting the car park to attend their workplace. Parents are asked to keep the driveway clear at all times. It has also been reported to me that some parents are using the car park driveway to make a 3-point turn. This is very dangerous as the driveway is on a corner and these turns cause disruption to the flow of traffic on Elm St too.

I ask that you are considerate of the needs of others and work with me to keep our school community safe.

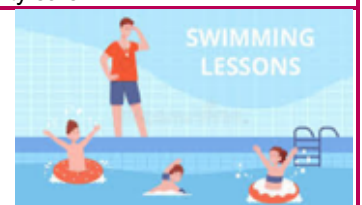


### SWIMMING

Our Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 students are currently participating in swimming lessons. This year, swimming sessions are held at **Keilor East Leisure Centre** on consecutive Fridays. The remaining dates are as follows:

- **Friday, 9 August**
- **Friday, 16 August**

**Please note:** Parents and carers are not permitted in change rooms.



## MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS (MACSSIS)

Throughout each year, we pause to listen to our students, families and staff to gauge how our learning community is travelling. This feedback is invaluable to our progress as effective school communities and is backed by evidence-based research and best practices.



A significant and formal way in which we engage and gather data is through MACSSIS, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys. One of the main goals of the MACSSIS survey is to identify the strengths and areas for improvement within our school. We believe it is important that you have a voice in order to contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of Holy Eucharist School.

The survey will be accessible online in English and in various other languages and dialects, from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and will need to be completed by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024. All participation is invited, welcomed and 100% voluntary. The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to inform the work we are already doing to improve our school. Everyone has the right to refuse to participate, or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey. Please notify the school if your child (Years 4-6) does not wish to participate. If you would like more information, please free to contact Mr Michael Bonnici or Mrs Crystal Carmuciano at the office.

## YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Each year, the Department of Education releases Year 6 to Year 7 placement information for schools and for parents/carers. Parents and carers should have received the placement pack for government schools which includes the current application for Year 7 placement form. To ensure all Year 6 students are placed in a secondary school for Year 7 parents/carers will need to complete these forms and return to school without delay. Parents received notification of their child's Year 7 placement in a government secondary school on Wednesday 17 July 2024.



**Please note, that Year 7 Catholic Secondary School enrolments close for current Year 5s on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Holy Eucharist School, Breakfast Club will be operating in the new **Catherine McAuley Learning Centre**. Breakfast club will operate from **Monday to Friday from 8.30am until 8.45am**. Breakfast will be provided for all of our students who may not have had breakfast before coming to school. Breakfast consists of toast with butter and/or jam or vegemite. All students are welcome.



## LOST PROPERTY ITEMS

We have accumulated a number of lost property items at the office that are not labelled with names. This includes jackets, jumpers, beanies, water bottles and lunch boxes.

We kindly remind you to ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled on all items. Often, we find articles of clothing with names that are so faded they are hard to read, making it difficult to return them to their owners. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep track of our students' belongings.



## PSW UNIFORMS REBRANDED TO UNIFORM GROUP

The PSW Uniform store has rebranded to Uniform Group. Trading Hours are: Monday to Friday from 9am – 5pm and on Saturday from 10am until 1pm.

### STORE ADDRESS:

UNIT 2, 51-53 WESTWOOD DRIVE,  
RAVENHALL VIC 3023  
(03) 9768 0342

For more information please visit <https://uniform-group.com.au/brand/psw/>

OUR DEER PARK PSW STORE  
**HAS BEEN REBRANDED**



## HEALTH DEPARTMENT ALERT – INCREASING WHOOPING COUGH CASES (PERTUSSIS)

The Victorian Health Department recently issued a public notice in relation to an increasing number of cases of whooping cough (pertussis) in Victoria, particularly among children aged 10-12.

Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory illness known for causing a cough, and can lead to life threatening infections in babies. Many babies who get pertussis catch it from older children and adults who might not even know they are infected.

Pertussis usually begins with cold-like symptoms, such as a dry cough (occurring in bouts), characteristic 'whooping' sound when breathing in, tiredness, runny nose, and low-grade fever.

Please speak to your doctor (GP) and seek a diagnosis if your child is exhibiting any of these symptoms. Early identification and separation are crucial in preventing the spread to other children.

Pertussis is mostly spread to other people by droplets from coughing or sneezing, so good hygiene practices and immunisations help prevent the spread. Immunisations are particularly important for infants and pregnant women.

If pertussis is diagnosed, your GP will advise on appropriate treatments. If you have any questions, please speak to your GP.

Read the full alert here: <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/health-advisories/increasing-pertussis-whooping-cough-cases-in-victoria>

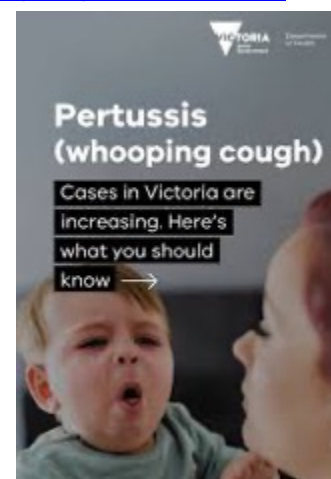
For diagnosed cases:

- The treating doctor can provide specific advice in relation to exclusion periods from school, and can verify when exclusion periods can be ended.
- Children diagnosed with pertussis to be exclude from primary schools and children's services for a minimum period of 21 days after the onset of cough, or until they have completed 5 days of a course of antibiotic treatment.
- The treating doctor will complete the required notifications to the Department of Health
- Schools should notify MACS via the report form on CEVN or at [ohs@macs.vic.edu.au](mailto:ohs@macs.vic.edu.au)

For contacts of diagnosed cases:

- The exclusion requirement only applies to contacts who meet all three of these criteria:
  - aged less than 7 years;
  - in the same room as the child with the diagnosed case; and
  - have not received three effective doses of pertussis vaccine

Children meeting these criteria should be excluded for 14 days after the last exposure to the infectious case, or until they have taken 5 days of a course of effective antibiotic treatment.





## Mary of the Cross -

### Feast Day 8<sup>th</sup> August

Mary Helen MacKillop (Religious Sister of St Joseph [RSJ]), was an Australian nun who has been declared a saint by the Catholic Church as Saint Mary of the Cross. She was canonised on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 and is Australia's first Saint.

*Patron Saint of Australia, Abuse Victims, Trauma & the Poor*

Dear God,

Thank you for the life of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

She showed us that in the struggles and hard times of her life you were there, loving and helping her.

Please be with me when times are hard or when I am afraid.

Please help me to love you just as she loved you. Amen.

*"Never see a need without doing something about it" Mary MacKillop*



## The Assumption of the

### Blessed Virgin Mary-

### Feast Day 15<sup>th</sup> August

#### Historical Context

Since the 5<sup>th</sup> Century there has been an active tradition and belief around the assumption of Mary. The tradition states that Mary was physically 'taken up' into heaven at the end of her life. It is believed that her soul and her body remained united. This ancient belief was defined as an infallible teaching of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1950. It is one of only two infallible statements that have been defined as such and both related to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast is celebrated on August 15 and is a Holy Day of Obligation.



### PREPS – 100 DAYS AT SCHOOL!

The Grade Prep students celebrated 100 days of school. The Prep students and their teachers came to school dressed up as a 100-year-old person! They had various activities throughout the day and enjoyed a sausage sizzle for lunch.

The Preps, the teachers and LSOs had a wonderful day!

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Class teachers will select one student per week to receive the "Student of the Week" award. The names of these students (first name only) will be published in our newsletter. This week we congratulate the following students:

<b><u>Prep CT</u></b> Week 3: Andrew Week 4: Dustin	<b><u>Prep SG</u></b> Week 3: James Week 4: Dexter	<b><u>Prep JB</u></b> Week 3: Angel Week 4: Harry		
<b><u>Year 1DX</u></b> Week 3: Amber Week 4: Ayuel	<b><u>Year 1JL</u></b> Week 3: Jason Week 4: Emma	<b><u>Year 1JD</u></b> Week 3: Helen Week 4: Kara		
<b><u>Year 2AL</u></b> Week 3: Maria Week 4: Dylan	<b><u>Year 2SC</u></b> Week 3: Tommy Week 4: Jacque	<b><u>Year 2MJ</u></b> Week 3: Karla Week 4: Mikayla		
<b><u>Year 3VF</u></b> Week 3: Tri Week 4: Ryan L	<b><u>Year 3DC</u></b> Week 3: Betty Week 4: Alice	<b><u>Year 3JK</u></b> Week 3: Angelo Week 4: Phoebe		<b><u>Year 3CG</u></b> Week 3: Ayuein Week 4: Emily
<b><u>Year 4BP</u></b> Week 3: Aliyah Week 4: Nathan	<b><u>Year 4SN</u></b> Week 3: Selena Week 4: Amanda	<b><u>Year 4JD</u></b> Week 3: Jason Week 4: Cleo		<b><u>Year 4ER</u></b> Week 3: Alisa Week 4: Elle
<b><u>Year 5RM</u></b> Week 3: Flynn Week 4: Joseph	<b><u>Year 5JM</u></b> Week 3: Rosaria Week 4: Robert	<b><u>Year 5TN</u></b> Week 3: - Week 4: Jacky		
<b><u>Year 6JC</u></b> Week 3: Emma Week 4: Vivian	<b><u>Year 6HK</u></b> Week 3: Joey Week 4: Anna	<b><u>Year 6H/M</u></b> Week 3: Kuel Week 4: Katie	<b><u>Year 6KB</u></b> Week 3: Suri Week 4: Tina	

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August** - **Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> August** - **Year 3-6 Swimming**
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August** - **Feast of the Assumption**
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August.** - **First Reconciliation Sacramental Celebration**
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** - **School Closure Day - No School**

## PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2025 - NOW OPEN

**Enrolments are still open for 2025.**

Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025. We already have a number of applications for next year and we are fast approaching the final stages of the admission process.

**It is really important that our current families also register their child/children at the office if they wish to enrol them for Grade Prep in 2025.**

**Tours of the school are now taking place after school. Please contact the office to make a booking.**



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**Principal**

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## NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

Dear Community,

Welcome to Term 3 at Holy Eucharist School. This term, in Religious Education classes, the students across all levels of the school will be investigating the wonders of God's magnificent Creation and exploring ways in which they can be Stewards of that Creation. Some Grades will deepen their understanding by researching ways that they can take up Pope Francis' call to care for Our Common Home.

During Term 3 the Grade 3 students will also explore the Sacrament of Penance and many students will make their First Reconciliation. This will be the first of 3 sacraments that they will participate in during their primary school years. Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they deepen their faith and strengthen their relationship with our great God.

**Please take note of the key dates/times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

<b>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> - candidates attend with their families. Neat attire is required for this occasion.	Tuesday 27th August at 6.30pm (to be seated by 6.20pm in Holy Eucharist Parish Church)
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Finally, I would like to inform/remind you about 2 important Feast Days occurring this Term:

- The Feast day of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop which is celebrated on Thursday August 8th
- The Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother Mary on Thursday August 15th

Ms Anne-Marie Conte

**Deputy Principal/Religious Education Leader**

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## LITERACY – BOOK WEEK 'READING IS MAGIC'

The theme for Book Week in 2024 is Reading is Magic. **Our dress up parade will be on Tuesday 20th of August at 9am.**

Costumes do not have to be expensive. Looking at clothes and accessories around the house or a friend's or relatives house can make for interesting costumes. Previously, I've used my dressing gown, my daughter's science lab coat... Reading and books play a significant role in our community, and it is wonderful to acknowledge this for a week a year.

Most students enter primary school not able to decode words in books. Many students start primary school knowing that Reading is Magic because of the stories told to them through books when they were younger. Reading takes me to places I have never visited, it allows me to find recipes to cook for my family, it helps me learn more about myself and the world around me and it has shown me the many skills it takes when we learn to read and write. From a young age I have found "Reading to be Magic". Unfortunately learning to read for some people can be challenging.

For students in years 3 - 6 we now offer a Tier 2 intervention called MacqLit. MacqLit is a reading program for children in Year 3 and above who need some help with their reading. It usually takes place in small groups and takes up to an hour a day. It has been developed by MultiLit, a research-based initiative of Macquarie University. MultiLit has been producing reading programs for over 20 years.

Mrs Jane Hurren

**Literacy Leader**

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## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Grades 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held in Keilor Little Athletics Track in Keilor Park on Mon 12 Aug 2024. The school is seeking parent-volunteers to set-up and assist the teachers in their respective events from 7am to 3.30pm. If you are available to assist at any time, kindly contact the school's office, or directly email the PE teacher at [lenny.deacruz@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lenny.deacruz@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au). Parents will need to have a valid Working With Children Check and a copy will need to be left at the school office.

Chà mẹ thân yêu,

Lễ hội Điền kinh Lớp 3-6 sẽ được tổ chức tại Đường điền kinh Keilor Little ở Công viên Keilor vào Thứ Hai ngày 12 tháng 8 năm 2024. Nhà trường đang tìm kiếm phụ huynh-tình nguyện viên để sắp xếp và hỗ trợ giáo viên trong các sự kiện tương ứng của họ từ 7 giờ sáng đến 3 giờ 30 chiều. Nếu bạn sẵn sàng hỗ trợ bất cứ lúc nào, vui lòng liên hệ với văn phòng nhà trường hoặc gửi email trực tiếp cho giáo viên Thể dục theo địa chỉ [lenny.deacruz@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lenny.deacruz@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au). Phụ huynh sẽ cần phải có Giấy Kiểm tra Làm việc với Trẻ em hợp lệ và một bản sao sẽ phải được để lại tại văn phòng nhà trường. Cảm ơn.

Mr Lenny DeCruz

**Physical Education Teacher**

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# Low-fee Catholic schools get \$243m funding

30 July 2024



Ben Carroll, left, Michael Bonnici and St Albans MP Natalie Suleyman announce the funding for low-fee Catholic schools yesterday (Facebook/Ben Carroll MP)

Dozens of low-fee Victorian Catholic schools will receive millions of dollars in funding from the Allan Government to upgrade classrooms and build new facilities. Source: Herald Sun.

Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan and Education Minister Ben Carroll yesterday announced 67 projects at 65 Catholic schools across Victoria, which will share in more than \$243 million to expand and modernise existing facilities or build new schools.

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Ms Allan said thousands of Victorian students go to a low-fee Catholic school every day – and the state Government was making sure they were learning in the best environments.

Mr Carroll said the state Government was supporting its low-fee Catholic schools to expand, build new classrooms and open new campuses.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools executive director Edward Simons said: "We greatly appreciate the support of Victorian Government which will assist us to keep pace with growing community demand for Catholic education."

"Our school communities save government tens of millions of dollars every year through their contributions to school fees and capital works, and the quality of our education offering is evident by the fact that more parents are choosing Catholic schools than ever before," Dr Simons said.

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HERALD SUN 29/07/2024

# Catholic schools to share in \$243m

EXCLUSIVE  
Suzan Delibasic  
Susie O'Brien

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In regional Victoria St Mary MacKillop College in Swan Hill will receive \$6m to build a new secondary campus, while St Patrick's Primary School in Kilmore will get \$3.6m to deliver four new classrooms.

Marymede Catholic College will also receive \$6m to expand its Doreen campus and build eight general learning areas, a resource centre, an information technology centre, a careers and pathways centre, and a student wellbeing and counselling centre.

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Holy Eucharist Primary School principal Michael Bonnici said he was "extremely grateful" to the government for providing the funding boost.

"It's wonderful news because this funding will assist us by upgrading the building in the junior school and it will also enhance student and staff wellbeing," Mr Bonnici said.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools executive director Dr Edward Simons said: "We greatly appreciate the support of the Victorian government, which will assist us to keep pace with growing community demand for Catholic education."

The Herald Sun last year revealed seven new Catholic schools were set to open their doors over the next three years in Victoria's booming growth corridors.

Ben Carroll MP

## BOOST FOR VICTORIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Allan Labor Government is investing over \$243M to upgrade and expand 65 Catholic schools!

Holy Eucharist Primary School, where the Principal was once a student, will receive \$1.4M for refurbishments.

Thousands of Victorian kids go to low-fee Catholic schools every day – and we're making sure those kids are learning in the best environments.

#VictorianSchools #CatholicEducation

**2025 PREP ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**

8 new classrooms opening early 2024

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

POSITIVE NAPLAN RESULTS

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS: PHYSICAL EDUCATION, MUSIC, STEM, VISUAL ARTS, PERFORMING ARTS & LOTE

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Catholic Regional College St Albans

Have you enrolled your child for YEAR 7 2026?

Enrolments closing August 16 2024

Book a Tour

Before enrolments close for Year 7, 2026 on 16th August 2024

ENROL NOW Year 7 2026

Limited places available for 2025

### SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE:

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. The Holy Eucharist Commitment to Child Safety and Reporting Process are on display in the Administration foyer of the School and School Policies are available on the website at [www.hestalbansth.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hestalbansth.catholic.edu.au)

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At Holy Eucharist School, we are honoured to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, the first and enduring caretakers of the land in which we work and live.

We pay our respects to the Traditional Elders, both past and present, who have walked this country for countless generations.

We value the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritages and recognise the impacts of colonisation and pledge our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.