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## ***Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd Future Direction - 'MAGNIFY SANDHURST'***

***Dear parents, carers, parishioners and friends of St. Mel's Education Community,***

I am writing to share significant news regarding some important and exciting developments at St Mel's Primary School.

As a part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that all regional and rural students have access to outstanding Catholic schools we are partnering with our fifty-five system-schools across the Sandhurst Catholic Diocese to implement the very latest educational research into our classrooms. While some of our staff have studied these advancements in recent years, it is now time to ensure that all our teachers and allied staff have access to the highest quality information and teaching resources available, so that your child receives an outstanding school experience.

The 'Magnify Sandhurst' project represents a major investment in the educational experience of your child. We are partnering with five national and international organisations across the areas of neuroscience, literacy, the Victorian learning curriculum, the behaviour curriculum as well as individual professional coaching for our teachers. In a first of its kind experience, and in partnership with our peers across Sandhurst, we are determinedly committed that you and your child can experience the very best that education throughout Australia has to offer.

'Magnify Sandhurst' will launch in 2025 and to ensure that we can undertake the necessary professional learning with our staff we will be ***shifting our usual student-free days.***

### ***TERM ONE 2025:***

- Monday 27th January Australia Day Public Holiday
- ***Tuesday 28-29th January Staff Professional Learning Days (Student Free Days)***
- Thursday 30th January Years {1 – 12 students commence}
- Friday 31st January Foundation students commence

### ***TERM TWO 2025: (NOTE: Students will have three weeks holiday)***

- Monday 21st April Easter Monday Public Holiday
- ***Tuesday 22-24th April Staff Professional Learning Days (Student Free Days)***
- Friday 25th April ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Monday 28th April Students commence Term 2

### ***TERM THREE 2025:***

- ***Wednesday August 13 CESL Staff Spirituality Day (Student Free Day)***

### ***TERM FOUR 2025:***

- ***Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> November Report Writing Day (Student Free Day)***
- ***Mon 17<sup>th</sup>. November Planning Day for 2026 (Student Free Day)***
- Tuesday 16th December Students Last Day
- ***Wed 17th December Staff Professional Learning Day (Student Free Day)***

In addition, we have two Professional Learning Days yet to be confirmed, one of which will be devoted to updating our First Aid qualifications, including Asthma and Anaphylaxis training. It is anticipated these dates will be set by the end of the current school year.

We are committed to keeping you informed about the Magnify Sandhurst project and how it will enhance your child's educational journey. Over the coming months, we will provide additional resources and information to help you understand our curriculum model and how it will benefit your child's learning.

I appreciate your continued support and cooperation as we work together to provide the best possible education for our students.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Hicks".

Stephen Hicks  
Principal