



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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“Let your light shine”

2nd October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share significant news regarding some important and exciting developments at St Mary's.

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.

2025 Pupil Free Days

Term 1

Monday 27th January - Australia Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 28th - Wednesday 29th January - Staff Professional Learning Days

Thursday 30th January - Grades 1-6 commence

Friday 31st January - Prep Students commence

Term 2 (nb. Students will have three weeks holiday)

Monday 21st April Easter Monday - Public Holiday

Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th April - Staff Professional Learning Days

Friday 25th April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Monday 28th April - Students commence Term 2

Term 3

Wednesday August 13 - CESL Staff Spirituality Day

Term 4

Tuesday 16th December - Students Last Day

Wed 17th December - Staff Professional Learning Day

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Vertriest".

Elaine Vertriest

Principal