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Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Kate Fogarty, Executive Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd, and I'm excited to introduce a new program, **Magnify Sandhurst**, which will begin in January 2025 across all CESL schools. This initiative is based on the latest research in educational practices and designed to create a learning environment where each child can thrive academically and grow personally within our Catholic values.

What is Magnify Sandhurst?

Magnify Sandhurst combines evidence-based practices in teaching and learning to support each student's unique needs, strengths, and goals. This program will focus on strengthening core areas like literacy and numeracy, building supportive classroom environments, and integrating Catholic values in daily learning.

Key Features of Magnify Sandhurst

Magnify Sandhurst aims to enhance learning outcomes through several key components:

- **Structured and Evidence-based Learning:** Using the latest neuroscience and a structured, knowledge-rich curriculum, we ensure students build deep understanding. A low-variance curriculum provides students with a consistent learning experience and reduces the amount of preparation and planning required by teachers, allowing teachers to focus on individual student needs.
- **Amplifying Literacy and Numeracy:** Providing targeted support and resources to improve reading, writing, and math skills at all levels. Special focus will be on Structured Literacy in F-2 and sequential programs from Years 3-10.
- **Instructional Coaching for Teachers:** Each teacher receives a dedicated coach and program to learn and practice the best techniques to meet students' learning needs.
- **Calm Classrooms and Positive Learning Environments:** Promoting calm, supportive, and positive learning environments through common practices, expectations, and social norms, our work includes a new program for student social and behavioural learning.

Key Changes for Your Child

Magnify Sandhurst, you will see:

- **Expanded Literacy and Numeracy Blocks:** Your child will have more intensively focused time on literacy and numeracy skills, especially in the early years. In older year levels (right up to Year 10), the curriculum will be sequenced to ensure all students continue to cover all components of the Victorian Curriculum. There will be targeted support for reading and mathematics at every level.

- **Streamlined Curriculum:** Teachers will implement a clear and structured curriculum that prioritises essential knowledge and skills to reduce unnecessary complexity.
- **Personalised Learning Support:** Every teacher will work with a coach to apply the latest techniques for meeting individual student needs, helping all students—whether they excel or need additional support.

How You Can Be Involved

Education is a partnership, and we encourage you to stay engaged in your child’s journey with us. Here’s how:

- **Participate in Learning Conversations:** Look forward to regular updates on your child’s learning milestones. We aim to keep you informed and involved every step of the way.
- **Access Your Child’s Learning Data:** Throughout the year, you will have opportunities to review your child’s progress, including assessment results, so you can stay connected to their academic growth.

Looking Ahead

Magnify Sandhurst will be introduced across 2025 to 2027, with each phase designed to bring measurable improvements in our learning environments. We are committed to making this journey meaningful for every child and every family, ensuring that learning is both challenging and supportive.

Thank you for your support as we embark on this exciting journey together!

Peace and blessings,



Kate Fogarty

Executive Director, Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited.

