



Tuesday 29 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 School, Rushworth.

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/ren. 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/ren 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 next year.

*** Pupil Free Days – No students on site**

*** Foundation students have rest days each Wednesday until Week 7**

Term 1

Monday 27 th January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 28-29 th January	Staff Professional Learning Days
Thursday 30 th January	Years 1 – 6 students commence (Foundation testing by booking)
Friday 31 st January	Foundation students commence
Monday 10 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday

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

Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 22-24 th April	Staff Professional Learning Days
Friday 25 th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Monday 28 th April	Students commence Term 2
Monday 9 th June	Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Term 3

Wednesday 13 th August	CESL Staff Spirituality Day
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Term 4

Monday 3 rd November	Staff Professional learning
Tuesday 4 th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Friday 28 th November	2026 Planning Day
Tuesday 16 th December	Students Last Day
Wed 17 th 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,



Vincent Ryan

Principal