

# NEW VISION

# for Catholic schools in the South West



Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) is committed to the learning, wellbeing and achievement of every child in a Catholic School.

The South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) recently made a decision to make Year 6 the final year of primary schooling in most Catholic schools across the State. This provides an opportunity for us to reimagine and redefine what education looks like in the South West Region.

There is strong demand for quality Catholic Education across the South West Region and we will continue to build on the existing strengths and success of our schools.

The South West Region was established 40 years ago. This structure has served this region well for the last four decades and now, new times require new thinking.

## A new vision...

Catholic Education, in partnership with schools, is committed to achieving a new vision for children, students and families in the South West to ensure that:

- children and families have access to a Catholic early years centre
- children have a known pathway from the early years to a local Catholic primary school
- Year 6 students have a known pathway into a co-educational middle years school and senior school
- students in Catholic South West schools have access to programs and facilities that develop their capabilities of critical thinking, research, and problem solving through new technology.

The new vision will be achieved through:

- the development of a new co-educational middle school campus from the amalgamation of Sacred Heart College and Marymount College
- the development of a new early years to Year 6 school at Hove for families in the South West with a focus on early years education and innovative learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) studies
- students at St Teresa's School, Brighton having first option to transfer to the new Early Years to Year 6 school.

Students, school families and staff will be supported and consulted through the transition period.

The care of our students, staff and families is of the utmost importance.

# What does this mean for my child?

## Amalgamation of Marymount College and Sacred Heart College

- 2017 will be a year of planning and transition. Marymount College and Sacred Heart College will undertake significant community consultation about the redevelopment of the Mitchell Park campus to meet the learning needs of both girls and boys.
- 2017 will be a time for the Marymount community to prepare, to celebrate past achievements, and to plan for the future.
- From Term 2 2017, a new educational leader will lead Marymount and prepare students and staff to transfer to the new middle school campus in Term 1 2019.

## New School for Early Years to Year 6

- Planning will begin in 2017 for the new school at the Hove site and will have a focus on STEM Education.
- The new Early Years to Year 6 school will open at Hove in 2020.

## St Teresa's students to relocate to new school

- Due to St Teresa's close proximity to the Hove site and pressures to accommodate the introduction of Year 6 students, the St Teresa's school community is invited to form the foundation enrolment of the new school.
- Consultation with the St Teresa's school community will occur from the start of 2017 about their involvement with the new school and the opportunities it will provide.
- Students, school families and staff will be supported throughout the process.

## South West Region primary schools

Capital development will also be considered at parish primary schools that may require enhanced facilities to accommodate additional Year 6 students in 2019.

The expansion of other early years services in the South West will also be explored.

## Consultation

Consultation with school communities now begins as we shape these schools together.

Community forums will be held at each school in the coming weeks.

We invite you to attend to learn more about this proposal and ask questions.

- [Sacred Heart College](#) November 30 at 7pm - Debourg Centre, Somerton Park
- [St Teresa's School](#) December 1 at 7pm - Performing Arts Centre
- [Marymount College](#) December 5 at 6pm - Polding Centre

## Timeline

The indicative timeline below is subject to community consultation and further refinement.



## How do I find out more?

Please talk directly with your school principal if you have further questions.

If you require additional information, please contact the Catholic Education Office on 8301 6600 or email [director@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:director@cesa.catholic.edu.au)