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New Catholic school for Two Wells

South Australia's newest Catholic School will open in Two Wells in 2021. The school will be a campus of Xavier College, and will cater for students from Reception to Year 12. The school will open in 2021 with students from Reception to Year 6 and will progressively cater for all year levels.

The school development will start construction during 2020. It will meet the needs of the growing population in Two Wells and the surrounding regions.

"We are delighted to be expanding our provision of quality Catholic education to local families," says Dr Neil McGoran, Director, Catholic Education South Australia.

"The school will be the 111th Catholic school campus in South Australia, and will open just twelve months after Catholic Education SA opens McAuley Community School in the southern suburbs.

"This new school development is part of our commitment to expanding Catholic Education pathways and building an even stronger focus on student learning and quality teaching."

The excitement is shared by Xavier College Principal, Mr Lynn Martin, who will steer the project.

"Xavier College has been developing students who are capable, confident and community-minded young leaders for 25 years.

"We are proud of the confidence our local community has in Xavier to educate their children and the new campus will allow us to expand our education offering to cater for primary-aged students, and then enable us to continue to provide secondary education to the growing Two Wells community."

Catholic Education South Australia has taken over the project from Lutheran Education who had planned to build a school in Hickinbotham Group's Liberty Estate but recently decided not to proceed. The 400ha Liberty development is in the north-western corner of Two Wells, 45km north of Adelaide, and is located with its sister estate, Eden.

Catholic Education is working closely with Lutheran Education to guarantee a smooth transition and ensure that the school welcomes its first students in 2021.

“We are working with Lutheran Education and will be contacting the hundreds of families who have expressed an interest in the school,” says Mr Martin.

“We are disappointed that we are not in a position to proceed with our proposed development,” says Mr John Proeve, Executive Director, Lutheran Education SA, NT and WA.

“I am delighted that Catholic Education has taken up this exciting opportunity to meet the strong demand for Christian education in this growing region. We will be sharing our preparatory planning work with Catholic Education to assist them to establish the new school.”

“Like Xavier College in Gawler, the new campus will follow the Salesian Tradition and develop young people who have the skills and understanding to transform our world into a more socially just and peaceful society,” says Lynn Martin, Xavier College Principal.

“Our College motto ‘One in Christ’, expresses our unity as children of the one God, regardless of background, race or heritage and we look forward to fully immersing ourselves within the Two Wells community to ensure we are an active community partner.”

The development also has the support of the Adelaide Plains Council.

“Adelaide Plains Council fully supports the need for a new school in the Two Wells community and is working closely with Catholic Education SA,” says James Miller, Chief Executive Officer, Adelaide Plains Council.

“We will continue to work in partnership to ensure the development aligns with the needs of the local community.”

The new Two Wells school will be part of a 20-year development by the Hickinbotham Group that will create over 3,000 residential allotments.

“I’d like to sincerely thank the Lutheran community for its wonderful work to date in attracting such strong local interest in the school. We welcome the major commitment by Catholic Education SA to

take over the project and keep the momentum going,” says Michael Hickinbotham, Hickinbotham Group Managing Director.

“The school will complement the community, retail, sporting and lifestyle objectives embedded in Hickinbotham Group’s design and development of this project over the next 20 years.”

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

The Principal Mr Lynn Martin is available for comment and photos with students from Xavier College.

To arrange an interview please contact Janine Atkinson.

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