

Media Alert

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State's first new Catholic school in 10 years is as 'green' as it gets

The "greenest" school in the State opens its doors to students for the first time on Tuesday (28 January).

The new McAuley Community School at Hove - a Catholic school in the Mercy tradition – will open with a coveted 6-star green rating issued by the Green Building Council Australia.

It is the highest green rated school in the State.

The school's design and environmental focus is attracting national interest - with innovations such as school bags made from 100% recycled plastic bottles, carpets produced from recycled fishing nets and state of the art energy efficiency measures.

It is the first new Catholic School built in South Australia in 10 years and represents a \$22.3 million investment by Catholic Education SA.

The school will open with 345 students from Reception to Year 6. It is expected to grow to cater for up to 530 students, with another 90 pre-schoolers in the co-located Alive Catholic Early Learning Centre.

"McAuley is a special place designed for children to thrive," says principal Amanda Parslow. "Every element of the school has been designed to facilitate contemporary teaching and learning.

"We have flexible 'Learning Neighbourhoods' where children can collaborate on a project or work individually with their educator. I think the children will be most excited about the green screens and makerspaces for their STEM work in each neighbourhood."

Students from the former St Teresa's School at Brighton will be among Tuesday's first enrolments at McAuley Community School, with others drawn from around Adelaide and regional areas.

NOTE: Principal Amanda Parslow is happy to conduct media tours and talk about the school from 10.30am.

Media Interviews with students and parents also can be arranged.

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