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Catholic Education SA announces new campus for Year 11 & 12 students

Catholic Education South Australia has announced today that Nazareth Catholic Community will open a new campus at Kidman Park to cater exclusively for Year 11 and 12s.

The campus, with initial cost estimates of approximately \$50M, will open in 2023 and be Catholic Education SA's first purpose-built standalone campus for Year 11 and 12 students.

The Reception - Year 12 College – which already has campuses at Findon and Flinders Park – is SA's largest Catholic School with 2045 enrolments. The site will initially cater for 500 senior students and is expected to expand to cater for up to 800 students.

"We are pleased to be strengthening our provision of Catholic schooling in the western suburbs," says Professor Denis Ralph, Chair, South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools.

"The expansion will continue to support the unprecedented enrolment demand for a Catholic education. We are also mindful of the high demand for primary school places in the western suburbs, and at Nazareth in particular, and work is currently underway to address this situation."

Enrolments in Catholic Schools across the State grew by 1,605* students (3.5%) this year, with more students expected to join Catholic schools in July as part of the midyear intake of Reception students.

"These specialist facilities will ensure senior students at Nazareth have access to the latest technology and learning environments. The campus will include learning spaces for engineering and STEM, food and technology and music, as well as areas for student collaboration and self-

directed study. There will also be a performing arts space and double court gymnasium,” says Professor Ralph.

The announcement comes as the College prepares to welcome a record number of Year 7s in 2022.

“Nazareth Catholic College will welcome 41 Reception students in midyear intake and approximately 400 Year 7s at the start of 2022,” explains Principal, Andrew Baker.

“This expansion allows us to continue to reimagine how we deliver curriculum and create community in a modern and ever-changing context.

“As always, we are committed to working closely with students, families, staff and our community to deliver excellence in teaching and learning through the delivery of contemporary and innovative education.”

The announcement is part of the broader commitment to strengthen Catholic Education pathways across the State. Catholic Education SA opened a new campus of Xavier College in Two Wells earlier this year and will open a new Catholic Secondary College in the Riverland in 2022.

* 1605 students – CESA Census February 2021. Enrolments are 46,846, compared to 45,241 in February 2020.

An artist’s impression of the site is available.

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