



eNewsletter 2025 Term 2, Week 7

Important Dates

oOh!media Booking
Deadline
Friday 13 June 2025

Open Week Form
Deadline
Friday 13 June 2025

Catholic Schools
Open Week 2025
Monday 4 August 2025 -
Sunday 10 August 2025

How to Plan,
Manage & Film
Videos on a
shoestring budget
Thursday 28 August 2025

Picture Perfect:
Elevate your social
media photos with
iPhone
Wednesday 17 September
2025

We're not sure how it's already Week 7 of Term 2 - but here we are! As always, thank you for the energy, creativity and collaboration you continue to bring to your school communities. Here's the latest from the Communications and Marketing Team here at Catholic Education SA.

Catholic Schools Open Week August 4–10 (Term 3, Week 3)

The Catholic Schools Open Week Information Kit can be found here: [CSOW - Information Kit 2025](#)

We are now less than two months away from Catholic Schools Open Week! We have had an overwhelmingly high level of participation in the photo shoots around the state which is wonderful to see. Thank you again for your support!

We also wish to thank all the schools who have supplied changes to the Catholic School Magazine Directory, sent through images and

put forward feature ideas. We have now selected the features for the magazine and have been in contact with those schools.

We will send through an updated version of the Directory for fact checking in Weeks 8–9. The magazine will be published on **Saturday July 26** in *The Advertiser*.

If you haven't yet booked your school's bus shelters or retail panels with oOh!media, there is still time. Complete this form by **Friday June 13: 5pm**— cesa.catholic.edu.au/ooh25

(For questions, contact Sarah Ibbotson at: Sarah.Ibbotson@oohmedia.com.au)

By this **Friday**, we would also really appreciate it if you could complete the following form with your **Open Week tour dates / event details, graphic design requirements and oOh!media booking info: 5pm**— cesa.catholic.edu.au/book25

If you have any questions about Catholic Schools Open Week, please contact:

5pm Rebecca – Rebecca.Vella@cesa.catholic.edu.au

5pm Siobhan – Siobhan.Evans@cesa.catholic.edu.au

5pm DEADLINES + LINKS

5pm **Friday 13 June – Book your oOh!media panels:**

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A Special Start: Mid-Year Receptions in the Spotlight

To celebrate the start of school for our mid-year Reception students we are hoping to feature a case study in *The Advertiser* in Term 3, Week 1. Do you have a student/s or family starting your school with a special story? Maybe there are twins or triplets starting or you have a family who has recently moved from overseas or interstate or a student starting in a regional school who has recently moved from the city or visa versa. Send any ideas through to Rebecca.Vella@cesa.catholic.edu.au for consideration – we won't pitch to the Advertiser without the full consent of the family but we will need photographs as part of the case study.

We will also be looking to run a 'First Day of School' photo gallery on Facebook for our mid-year Reception starters so do send a selection of photos through to Siobhan, Siobhan.Evans@cesa.catholic.edu.au towards the end of Week 1. Ensure all students have full photo consent prior to sending.

Media Protocol for significant announcements

We would greatly appreciate being looped into any major announcements, particularly around building/development projects, that your school or college is planning to make to ensure that we maximise media coverage opportunities and avoid clashing with CESA strategic project announcements. For Diocesan schools we also like to ensure that the CESA Leadership Team is aware of media activity before it appears. Our media team is here to support you if you require assistance approaching the media.

The Advertiser does regularly run school development stories. They often source these stories from the Plan SA website when a planning application is submitted. We've drafted the following document to help prepare for re-active and pro-active media activity:

Media activity during a school build

If you are planning on engaging with the media, we recommend that the spokesperson (most likely the principal) is media trained. Our next Media Training for Principals session will be held on Wednesday 3 September (Term 3, Week 7) – further information can be found on the Registration Centre: [CESA Registration Centre - Media Training for Principals](#)

Contact Lisa.Reichstein@cesa.catholic.edu.au or Rebecca.Vella@cesa.catholic.edu.au for more information or if you require assistance with an announcement.

Float into the Festive Spirit – Entries Now Open!

On behalf of the South Australian Tourism Commission, we are sharing details of the National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant competition.

Each year, primary school children have the chance to win an exclusive experience in the National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant. Children across South Australia are invited to get creative and design a mini float that will be built and showcased in the 2025 National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant.

The Mini Float Competition is open to both individuals and groups and entries can be submitted as a drawing, painting or model.

More information can be found here:

[Mini Float Competition | National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant](#)

Closing date: Friday 27 June.

Thank You for Helping Us Shine With Open Hearts

A heartfelt thank you to all the incredible schools and staff who helped bring Catholic Education Week 2025 to life across South Australia.

Your creativity, collaboration and commitment ensured that this year's celebration - marking 180 years of Catholic education - was not only seen and heard, but felt across our school communities. From organising photos and events to amplifying our message on social media, your work helped us truly **#ShineWithOpenHearts**.

Thank you for the passion you bring to sharing the story of Catholic education.

If you have any feedback to share, please email: Rebecca.Vella@cesa.catholic.edu.au and remember to keep hold of your corflutes for next year. We will confirm the 2026 dates in the coming months.



Celebrating Excellence: Catholic Education Awards Honour Inspiring Educators



An unwavering commitment to students, a passion for teaching, and a drive to make a difference—these are the shared qualities of the outstanding individuals honoured at the 2025 Catholic Education Awards.

Held last night (Thursday 15 May) at Hilton Adelaide, the annual awards ceremony brought together staff, dignitaries, and special guests to recognise the exceptional educators, leaders, volunteers and support staff who breathe life into Catholic Education across South Australia.

Now in its fourth year, the Awards are a highlight of Catholic Education Week (12–18 May) and acknowledge excellence across 11 categories, including Leadership, Early Career and Experienced Teacher, Religious Education, Volunteer, and Inclusive Education.

Among the recipients were:

- **Isabelle Roberts** (Loreto College, Marryatville), recognised for **Leadership Excellence** following a 46-year career in Catholic education.
- **Nicholas Hauschild** (Saint Ignatius' College, Athelstone & Norwood), recipient of the **Laudato Si' Award**, honoured for his leadership in sustainability and environmental responsibility.
- **Joel Head** (St Mark's College, Port Pirie), whose work in developing the College's Agricultural Centre has strengthened ties with the local farming community and opened up new student pathways.
- **Natasha Smith** (Sacred Heart College), celebrated for her transformative impact on the **Mathematics faculty**, both in the classroom and through mentoring colleagues.
- **Erin Coppins** (Tenison Woods Catholic School), recognised for her innovative approach to Religious Education, blending music, storytelling and hands-on learning.
- **Leslie Nesbitt** (Kildare College), a volunteer of more than two decades, who has significantly enriched students' scientific learning through the creation of a specialist laboratory and tissue culture room.

This year, a new award category was introduced to celebrate **Inclusive Education**. The inaugural recipient, **Compass Catholic Community** in Davoren Park, was honoured for its commitment to helping young adults complete their education in a supportive and inclusive environment.

St Raphael's School (Parkside) was also recognised for its **Reading Revolution** program—a modern, family-inclusive approach to early literacy that bridges early learning and primary education.

The evening was hosted by well-known broadcaster Jess Adamson and attended by The Hon. Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills; Jacinta Collins, Executive Director of the National Catholic Education Commission; Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director of Catholic Education SA; and John Neate, Chair of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools.

The event followed Mass at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, led by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan.

Dr McGoran praised the recipients and nominees:

"These awards give us the opportunity to recognise just some of the many exceptional people working in Catholic education who give so much of themselves in service to our communities. Their passion, care, and commitment bring life to our mission."

Nichii Mardon, Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie, added:

"These educators and volunteers go above and beyond every day. Their impact is immense, and their dedication ensures our students are supported to become the very best versions of themselves."

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