

#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Catholic Schools Broken Bay redefines education across Diocese.**

Following last month's launch of its bold and innovative five-year strategy *Shaping Tomorrow, Together in Faith*, Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) has revealed transformational changes set to redefine Catholic education across the Diocese.

Unveiled by Bishop Anthony Randazzo on 4 July at the all-staff Strategy Day, the plan charts a visionary course for a Catholic education that is faith-driven, future-ready, and designed to meet the evolving needs of families.

"This strategy is about courageously shaping a future where every child can thrive from Baptism into post-school life," Bishop Randazzo said. "Together, we are building an extraordinary future."

Director of Schools Danny Casey said the transformation is about far more than new facilities.

"We are expanding pathways, modernising facilities, and reshaping the way Catholic education supports parents and their children," Mr Casey said. "Our aim is to walk alongside families from the very earliest years of learning, through school and beyond — while staying true to our mission of faith and academic excellence."

#### **Major initiatives announced**

At the heart of the transformation are landmark projects that respond directly to community needs, planned across six precincts:

- **Southern Beaches** St Paul's Catholic College, Manly, having successfully transitioned to co-education, will expand into a dynamic Year 5–12 multicampus College. A new Stage 3 Learning Hub for Years 5 and 6 will be established at the Balgowlah campus.
- The two North Harbour Parish schools of St Cecilia's, Balgowlah, and St Kieran's, Manly Vale, will come together as a single primary school community at the Manly Vale site, freeing the Balgowlah campus for the new Stage 3 Hub at St Paul's.
- North Shore A new K-12 College with Early Learning will be established across the two Pymble Parish schools, Sacred Heart Primary School and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Primary School creating a much-needed secondary pathway on the North Shore.
- A specialist Eileen O'Connor facility will be established at the site of St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School to expand the support we provide to students with additional needs. The current St Philip Neri and St Thomas Willoughby communities will join together on the Willoughby site.

- **Northern Central Coast** MacKillop Catholic College, Warnervale will become a full K-12 College (pathway) with Early Learning and Out of School Hours Care (OSHC).
- St Brigid's Catholic College and St Brendan's Catholic Primary School at Lake Munmorah will deliver a similar pathway, alongside an Eileen O'Connor option.
- **Southern Central Coast** A new base campus for the Eileen O'Connor Catholic School will be built adjacent to St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah.
- \$300million will be spent on significant upgrades to multiple schools across the Central Coast to meet enrolment demands.
- Cathedral and Northern Suburbs Master planning for a Baptism-to-post-school K-12 pathway centred on Cathedral College, Wahroonga, incorporating St Leo's and Our Lady of the Rosary Waitara is underway.
- Northern Beaches A focus on planning for the establishment of new secondary options to meet local demand and provide clear educational pathways for families
- Exploration of opportunities for Early Childhood Education and Care to meet the needs of each community.

# A strategy shaped by the community

What makes *Shaping Tomorrow, Together in Faith* unique is its foundation in community voice. Parents, carers, students, staff, and clergy have all contributed to its design, ensuring the strategy reflects local feedback and aspirations, while positioning CSBB to lead educational innovation.

### **Beyond buildings**

While the initiatives include significant capital investment, the strategy extends well beyond bricks and mortar. It reimagines Catholic education across six precincts, with:

- **New K-12 pathways** to provide more choice and smoother transitions.
- Expanded Early Childhood Education to give children the best start in life.
- Modern learning spaces that inspire collaboration and creativity.
- **Enhanced career pathways** linking students with industry and post-school opportunities.

"Shaping Tomorrow, Together in Faith is about more than keeping pace with change — it's about leading it," Mr Casey said. "We remain deeply committed to providing every child with an education that is rich in faith, filled with joy, and focused on helping them become the very best they can be."

For more information and full details of the plan, visit <u>csbb.catholic.edu.au/our-strategy</u>.

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#### General Information

At Catholic Schools Broken Bay, our vision is to provide authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion. This vision is brought to life through our bold and future-focused **Shaping Tomorrow, Together in Faith** strategy — a shared commitment to walking alongside every student and family on a seamless journey in faith and learning, from Baptism through to post-school pathways.

**Shaping Tomorrow, Together in Faith** places students firmly at the centre of everything we do in our Shared Mission - uniting schools, parishes, and communities to work as one. It commits our system of schools to being at least as good as the very best, to maximising the learning growth of every student, and to inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ and to love learning.

This journey begins with our **Early Learning Centres**, where the foundations of faith, curiosity, and a love of learning are nurtured from the earliest years. By integrating early learning into our broader Catholic education offering, we ensure every child has the strongest possible start and a clear pathway into primary, secondary, and post-school opportunities.

Spanning the Central Coast, Sydney's Northern Beaches, and the North Shore, Catholic Schools Broken Bay is a vibrant system of 45 schools serving around 18,000 students from Kindergarten to Year 12 — each part of a shared mission to shape extraordinary futures, together in faith.