



Thursday 6th April

Dear Parents of St Assisi Primary School,

I am delighted to share exciting news with you which will mark a new era in the history of St Francis of Assisi Primary School.

It was officially announced today by Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd for the planned expansion of St Francis of Assisi Primary School Wodonga from the existing Foundation to Year 6 setting to become a Foundation to Year 12 provision of Catholic education with the exploration of Kindergarten/Preschool education.

This is wonderful news for our community and the wider communities of Baranduda and Wodonga, offering more choice for families in the North-eastern region and the opportunity for students to access Catholic secondary education in Baranduda should they choose to do so.

As the population of this region continues to grow, I welcome this announcement which acknowledges the needs of families and the increased demand for enrolments at St Francis of Assisi and Catholic Education Wodonga.

For many years Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd has been considering expanding the provision of Catholic education in the Wodonga area and this announcement demonstrates their commitment to student learning and quality teaching in regional North-eastern Victoria.

The planning phase for this expansion will commence soon with the establishment of a Project Control Group (PCG) to begin working with stakeholders to establish the governance, educational philosophy, facility design and construction of the school as well as determining arrangements for the commencement of the new secondary classes. This group will also take into consideration planning for the provision of an Early Learning facility.

Though there is much planning to be done, it is anticipated that the first Year 7 classes will begin in 2029 and, as such, there will be no immediate change to school life.

I acknowledge that this announcement may raise many questions for members of the school community and therefore a Frequently Asked Questions and Answers sheet has been prepared which I hope will be of assistance.

Over the coming months, more information will be provided as the planning process begins. I look forward to sharing this with you as we undertake this exciting journey together.

Sincerely,

*Jennyne Wilkinson*

Principal St Francis of Assisi Primary School Wodonga