

School Project Update: A Strong Start to 2025

A Vision Takes Root

If you are receiving this newsletter, it is likely because you've expressed interest in a new independent Catholic school planned for Melbourne's outer-West, with a target opening date of 2027. We are excited to share that 2025 has already been a year of strong progress!


Our Team Is Growing


Our steering committee has expanded to twelve dedicated members with expertise in

- School leadership & education
- Finance & law
- Business & project management
- Fundraising
- Marriage & family formation

Their combined experience is helping shape the foundations of the school.

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Organisational Milestones

- The company structure is in the process of being set up.
- Initial financial modelling for the school's operations has been largely completed.
- We have notified the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) of our intention to establish a school.
- We have also started the official school registration paperwork.
- We have started the development of the website.

Finding the Right Home

- Our land sub-committee has inspected over a dozen properties so far.
- They are working closely with local council planners to assess site suitability and ensure any shortlisted properties are fit for purpose.

Going forward, we will be sending out a bulletin each quarter that includes an update on how the school project is progressing, news, events, and a one-page explainer about one of the governing principles of the school.

Upcoming Events

- **Ideals in Teaching: 22nd of Aug**
- **Trivia Night: 13th of September**



Family Picnic - Meet, Greet, and Eat!

Date: Sunday, 18th May 2025

Time: From 12:30 PM

Location: Hannah Watts Park, 183-225 High St, Melton

We warmly invite you and your family to join us for a relaxed picnic lunch at Hannah Watts Park. This is a great opportunity to meet other families, get to know the community behind the school project, and enjoy some time outdoors.

Bring your picnic rug, your lunch, and come say hello. We hope to see you there!

'Ideals in Teaching' Returns – Now for Both Parents and Teachers

In 2024, we ran two separate groups: *'Ideals in Teaching'* for teachers, and the *'Key Parent Function'* for parents.

This year, we're bringing them together into one unified series: **"Ideals in Teaching - For Parents & Teachers"**

Why? Because one of our school's core principles is that parents and teachers work hand-in-hand to help each child grow in faith, character, and a love of learning.

Going forward, *Ideals in Teaching* events will not only provide practical strategies for parents and teachers. They will also be the **main setting for in-person updates** about the school project's progress.

Second Event for Ideals in Teaching 2025: *Creating Joyful Christian Homes and Classrooms*

Date: Friday, 13 June 2025

Time: Dinner from 6:45 PM, followed by the talk

Location: The Club, Caroline Springs

Speaker: Baltazar Kurowski - Head of Formation, Lysterfield Lakes College

Baltazar will share practical insights and strategies on building joyful Christian homes and classrooms for the purpose of helping children thrive in virtue, learning, and faith.



Parents as Primary Educators

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Why Start a New School in 2027?

As of 2025, Melbourne already has over 1375 schools. So why build another one? Because our vision is different. We are a group of families who believe that education should form the whole person—body, mind, and soul—and that parents are the primary educators of their children. We want a school that reflects that truth and supports families in this God-given mission.

“Since parents have given children their life, they are bound by the most serious obligation to educate their offspring and therefore must be recognized as the primary and principal educators.”
- Declaration on Christian Education, Vatican II

Your Role in This Mission

This school is not being built by an institution. It's being built by families like yours with faith, vision, and love.

Please pray—no, truly pray!—for this initiative, share it with like-minded families, and consider how you might support the project as it takes shape.

If you're interested in enrolling your child, or submitting an Expression of Interest, please get in touch.

We'd also love to see you at our upcoming community events, where you can connect with others and hear more about the school's progress.

Our Educational Philosophy: Rooted in the Catholic Faith

We take our inspiration from the Catholic Church, which teaches that true education forms the entire human person so that they may be happy in this life and the next, promote the common good, and fulfill their responsibilities as adults.

Since it is parents that give their children the gift of life, it is parents that are primarily responsible for the education of their children. Our goal is to support—not replace—that vital role.



Our Inspiration: The Pared Model

We are closely following the educational approach of Parents for Education (Pared) schools, which are already operating in Sydney and Melbourne.

The school exists primarily to support parents in carrying out their responsibility to be the first educators of their children. This support from the school takes the form of:

1. The School being an Extension of the Home (so that parents can be confident that what is taught at school is consistent with what is being taught at home).
2. A High-Quality Academic Curriculum
3. Mentoring Systems involving students, parents, and staff
4. The provision of programs to support Effective Parenting
5. A curriculum and school life that is imbued with Virtue & Character Development
6. Faithful and Positive Staff Role Models



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