



## Fundraising Milestone: Over \$4 Million Secured

### A School for Families in the Northwest

Families across Melbourne's Northwest share a common hope: a school where academic excellence is inseparable from strong character, lived faith, and close partnership with parents.

Inspired by the successful PARED schools in NSW and VIC, we are working to establish an independent Catholic school that embodies these values and opens its doors in 2027.

*“For a true education aims at the formation of the human person in the pursuit of his ultimate end and of the good of the societies of which, as man, he is a member.”*  
— Declaration on Christian Education

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### A Community of Generosity

Thanks to God's providence and the generosity of many families, we have already secured **\$4,030,000** in donations and personal loans towards our \$7 million target, a figure based on careful financial planning to cover the purchase of land and the development needed to open the school.

Behind this figure are real sacrifices and a shared belief in the mission to form young people in faith, character, and academic excellence. Their generosity is not just financial, but also a sign of trust in what this community is building together.

Every contribution, large or small, brings us closer to opening our doors in 2027 and welcoming the first students into a school that will serve families for generations to come.

### Organisational Progress

- We're pleased to share that the company is now officially registered, a board of directors is in place, and an ABN has been issued.
- We are now proceeding with registration for not-for-profit status.
- Initial financial modelling for the school's operations has been completed.
- Ongoing exploration of potential land sites with continued inspections and council engagement.
- Ongoing engagement with benefactors and supporters.

## Upcoming Events

- **Ideals in Teaching: 22<sup>nd</sup> of Aug**
- **Trivia Night: 13<sup>th</sup> of Sep**



### Trivia Night

**Date:** Saturday, 13th Sep 2025

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Padua Hall, Melton South  
(St. Anthony's Parish)

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We warmly invite you and your family to our first Families for Education fundraiser trivia night. It's a fun opportunity to connect with other families, enjoy some friendly competition, and hear the latest updates on the school project.

Bring your thinking caps and join us for an evening of community and laughter. Scan the QR code to book your seats, and we hope to see you there!

## Ideals in Teaching 2025 - For Parents and Teachers

### *Bringing Theology of the Body to Life in Home and School*

**Date:** Friday, 22 Aug 2025

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

**Location:** The Club, Caroline Springs

**Speaker:** Tatiana Burger, co-founder of the PARED Victoria schools and NFP instructor

Parents, teachers, and friends are warmly invited to hear Tatiana share practical ways to live the beauty of Theology of the Body in marriage, family, and education. She holds a Master of Theological Studies from the John Paul II Institute on Marriage and Family at Washington DC, and draws on her experience as mother of seven, and co-founder of the PARED Victoria schools. Tatiana runs Theology of the Body workshops across Australia.



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## Highlights from Previous Events

### Creating Joyful Christian Homes & Classrooms

The first Ideals in Teaching event of 2025 drew a strong turnout of parents and educators to The Club, Caroline Springs. Over dinner, Baltazar Kurowski spoke on creating joyful Christian homes and classrooms. His talk was inspiring, and many parents and teachers reported that it sparked engaging and thoughtful discussions.

The atmosphere of fellowship and shared purpose set the tone for the year ahead. We look forward to building on this momentum over the year ahead.



*Photos of infants were included with parents permission*

# Mentoring: A Distinctive Approach

- For Students
- For Families
- For the School Community

## Why Mentoring Matters

The personalised mentoring program is at the heart of our school. It is a proven way of ensuring that home and school work together, that each child's needs are addressed, and that the education offered is truly holistic.

Every child is known personally and supported to flourish. Parents receive support as the primary educators of their own child. Every family is accompanied, and the whole school community is enriched.



## Your Role in this Mission

You can support this project through prayer, sharing the vision, and joining our events.

**If you are in a position to help financially, please consider a donation or loan towards our \$7 million target.**

Every gift brings us closer to opening the doors in 2027 and welcoming the first students.

## How does mentoring support students?

Each student is paired with a teacher mentor who takes a genuine interest in their growth. Through fortnightly one-on-one conversations, students are encouraged to grow in confidence and self-knowledge, to set and monitor goals, and to practise good habits, which are the building blocks of character.

With sincerity, generosity, respect for others, courage, humility and self-control they develop personalities truly capable of loving God and others.

## Parents as the 'first educators'

Mentoring ensures that parents are better able to oversee their child's education. At least once each term, parents meet with their child's mentor to discuss progress, share insights, and work together on priorities in their child's development.

This partnership strengthens the bond between home and school, shares insights from the school, and gives parents confidence that the formation taking place in the classroom is fully aligned with the values of family life.

*"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, 1965*

## Strengthening the School Community

Mentoring nurtures a culture of unity across the whole school. It creates strong connections between families, teachers, and students, ensuring that every child is known personally and supported to flourish.

This sense of shared purpose enriches the whole community, making the school a place where academic learning is inseparable from character, faith, and genuine friendship.



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