



Milestone Reached: Land Contract Signed

A Place to Call Home

We are delighted to share that the contract for the land, the site of our future school, was recently signed. This is a major step towards opening a school that forms young people in faith, character, and academic excellence.

As we begin working with council and town planners on the next stages of preparation, we ask for your prayers—that each step moves forward smoothly and in accordance with God’s will. These early works will ensure the site is well-prepared for the vibrant school community that will grow there into the future.

*“Start by doing what is necessary,
then what is possible, and suddenly
you are doing the impossible.”
St Francis of Assisi*

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A Community of Generosity

The generosity of families and supporters continues to move this project forward in remarkable ways. Since our last bulletin, fundraising has grown **from \$4 million to over \$7.5 million**, in gifts and committed low-interest loans, enabling us to secure the land for our future school and begin the early stages of planning.

Beyond financial giving, many families have contributed their time, expertise, and connections, demonstrating that this school is truly being built by the community it will serve. With professional town planners and advisors now assisting with the next phase, we are laying firm foundations for what will become a place of faith and learning for generations.

Every act of generosity, through giving, prayer, or service, plays a vital role in this mission. As we now enter a new phase of preparation, we warmly invite you to get involved: whether by offering expert advice, connecting us with professionals or benefactors, or contributing financially to support this next stage. Your help now will make a tangible difference in turning this shared vision into a reality.

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Upcoming Events

Ideals in Teaching 2025 For Parents and Teachers



**Headmaster of
Lysterfield Lake College**

Mentoring: Shaping Tomorrow, Today

Date: Friday, 17th Oct 2025

Time: Dinner from 6:30 PM,
followed by the talk

Location: The Club, Caroline Springs

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<http://trybooking.com/DFQHL>

Join us for the final Ideals in Teaching evening of the year, where Trent Thomas will speak about the life-changing impact of mentoring and how it unites parents and teachers in forming young people in faith and character.

In our model of education, mentoring is a personal partnership between parents and teachers focused on each student's holistic growth. Mentors and families set shared goals to foster virtue, study habits, and faith through regular meetings.

Trent will share practical strategies and real examples of how mentoring cultivates character, strengthens faith, and inspires students to live with integrity and service.

SAVE THE DATE End-of-Year Family Picnic



Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, 30 November 2025**, as we gather to celebrate the end of an incredible year! The Families for Education End-of-Year Family Picnic will be a relaxed day to reconnect and give thanks for all that has been achieved together.

More details will be shared closer to the date, but for now, save the day and plan to join us for a joyful close to 2025!

Highlights from Previous Events



Trivia Night – A Night of Fun and Milestones

Our first Families for Education Trivia Night was a fantastic success! **Over 120 attendees** came together for an evening of fun and community spirit. Thanks to everyone's support, we raised \$3,500 towards the school project.

Thank you to all who attended, donated prizes, or helped behind the scenes. The night captured the best of what Families for Education represents: faith, fellowship, and shared purpose; marking a memorable milestone in the road towards opening the new school.



Highlights from Previous Events

Living the Beauty of Theology of the Body

The second Ideals in Teaching evening for 2025 brought together parents and educators for a rich discussion on Theology of the Body. Our guest speaker, Tatiana Burger — co-founder of PARED Victoria schools, counsellor, and NFP instructor — spoke on how to live the beauty of human love within marriage, family, and education.

Tatiana shared profound insights on how authentic love and respect for the human person form the foundation for faith-filled homes and classrooms. Drawing from her experience as a mother of seven and her theological studies, she offered both wisdom and practical guidance.



Character Education - Virtue in Action

What Is Character Education?

True education forms both the mind and the heart. Character education leads students to recognise what is good, and to act on it consistently, joyfully, and freely. It is the foundation of all we teach, learn, and live, and not just one more option in a curriculum. When a young person develops good habits of self-control, fortitude, justice and sound judgment, these habits empower them to recognise what is good, true and beautiful, and to love God and others with all their being.

The good habits of a well-rounded character are formed through the example of parents and teachers, personal guidance and practice, and setting personal goals. The personalised attention of the mentoring program complements the work of parents at home, helping each young person take responsibility for their own development and act with full freedom.

Faith, Family, and Formation

Faith gives direction to character formation. A strong Religious Education program helps students not only know their faith but live it in study, friendship, and service. When learning and relationships are seen as ways of loving God and others, faith becomes a living guide.

Parents and teachers work together to nurture the same virtues at home and in school. Through mentoring and collaboration, each child is supported to grow steadily in virtue, wisdom, and faith.

“Do everything for love, and you will see that there are no little things: everything is big.”

St Josemaría Escrivá

Growing in Freedom and Joy

The goal of character education is to form people who are free to love and serve. By practising virtue, students discover joy in generosity, perseverance in effort, and peace in doing what is right.

Education, then, becomes not just preparation for life but a pathway to holiness.



Your Role in this Mission

With the land contract now signed and the next steps underway, your support remains vital. We invite you to stay involved — through prayer, attending events, and helping us share this vision with other families who value faith and character in education.

If you have time, skills, or simply the desire to help, we'd love for you to be part of this mission — whether by offering expert advice, connecting us with professionals or benefactors, or contributing financially to support this next stage.

This project has been built through the generosity of many, not only through financial support, but also through the time, effort, and expertise freely shared by members of our community. Each contribution, whether practical or spiritual, plays an essential role in bringing this vision to life.



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