



**Weekly Newsletter #55 - 21 May 2025**

## Reflection - Laudato Si Week 2025

### Ten Years Of Inspiration And Action

Ten years ago, Pope Francis wrote *Laudato Si'*, setting out a bold vision for our common home. While we celebrate 10 years of prayer and action together, we look ahead to an even brighter future. The next chapter of *Laudato Si'* begins with us.



This week is Laudato Si Week in Australia. (to see more: [Laudato Si Week](#)) The global celebration of Laudato Si Week is actually 24th -31st May. The Australian Bishops have designated the celebration of Laudato Si Week locally to be celebrated from 16th - 24th May. This is slightly different from the international celebration of Laudato Si week because of National Sorry Day (26th May) and National Reconciliation Week (27th May – 3rd June) This allows acknowledgement and celebration of these significant Australian events.

The theme of Laudato Si Week 2025 is *Raise Hope*. In many ways each and every day across the schools of our Diocese that is the work that we do. We *Raise Hope* on so many levels. Once again, this Laudato Si Week we take time to reflect on ways that we can *Raise Hope* for every part of creation, as we seek to bring the aspirations of *Laudato Si* to life in our lives and particularly in our

school communities. Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* explains

“Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life, and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us...

I wish to address every person living on this planet ... I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all” (*Laudato Si'*, 1, 14)

### A Prayer for All Creation

Creator God, we give thanks for the gift of creation.

We give thanks for its beauty and the joy that beauty brings us.

We give thanks for light that shines in the darkness, for the stars and the sun, for the air we breathe and the plants and animals that you have created, for earth and water, and for the daily sustenance we draw from them.

Inspire us to see You, Creator, through all that You have created—all that you look upon as very good.

Help us to care for creation as You instructed us.

Help us be stewards of its abundant life.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

From: [EN\\_Creation novena.pdf](#)

## From the Executive Director

Last week's Diocesan Leadership Gathering in Horsham was an engaging and energising day. With insightful input from Pasi Sahlberg and Dave Runge, and the interactive "unpacking the pillars" session,



we were able to explore our Strategy 2035 in new and meaningful ways. It was a valuable opportunity to reflect together on how the strategy connects with our shared vision and work across our Diocese.

As a follow-up, our stimulus piece this week is a thoughtful and powerful article by Professor Pasi Sahlberg titled "*Test scores out, creative designers in to engage children.*" This article strongly aligns with the thinking behind DOBCEL Strategy 2035, and I encourage you to take a few minutes to read and reflect on its message.

We released a media statement this week highlighting the support available to families experiencing financial hardship due to ongoing drought conditions. We know these conditions are placing significant strain on many of our communities, particularly those in agriculture, and we want to ensure no student's access to a Catholic education is impacted by financial stress. I encourage you to have compassionate, confidential conversations with any families doing it tough. Support is available through the Family Fee Assistance Scheme and other local options. [Read the full media release here.](#)

Next week, we'll come together in Robinvale for our final Network Collaboration Day for the Northern Zone. This will be another great opportunity to continue building momentum and connection across our schools in the region. Pasi, Dave and I are also looking forward to visiting St Joseph's Charlton, St Mary's Donald and St Patrick's St Arnaud next week. These school visits are always a highlight and a great way to stay connected with the daily

life of our school communities.

Yesterday, I attended the VCEA Capital and Infrastructure Committee meeting in Melbourne. The meeting covered a range of key policy, funding and operational matters relevant to Catholic education in Victoria. These discussions play an important role in shaping how we plan, resource and advocate for the needs of our schools, ensuring we continue to provide high-quality, accessible Catholic education for all families.

Today I'm attending a lunch with the Victorian Chamber and the Melbourne Press Club, where I'll have the opportunity to hear from Treasurer Jaclyn Symes. As Treasurer, Minister for Regional Development and Minister for Agriculture, and a representative for Northern Victoria since 2014, Treasurer Symes plays a key role in shaping policy and investment in our region. This is a valuable opportunity to understand more about the state budget and what it means for our school communities.

Finally, I want to take a moment to recognise a truly significant milestone – the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Bishop Paul Bird. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to a life of faithful service and leadership. On behalf of all schools across our Diocese, we offer our warmest congratulations and deepest gratitude to Bishop Paul for his unwavering commitment to our Catholic community.

Thank you once again for your ongoing commitment to Catholic education across our Diocese.

With best wishes,

*Tom Sexton, Executive Director*

# Showcasing our Catholic Schools in Action

## Indonesian Language Learning Ambassadors (ILLA) arrive in the Ballarat Diocese!



This semester, several schools in the Ballarat diocese (Damascus College, St Patrick's Primary Ballarat, St Mary's Hamilton, St Malachy's Edenhope and St Joseph's Peshurst) have participated in an Australian Government funded initiative called the Indonesian Language Learning Ambassadors (ILLA) program. The ILLA program provides Australian Government-funded scholars from Indonesia with an opportunity to directly engage with Australian schools and learn first-hand about Australian culture, community, and classroom teaching practices. It also enables ambassadors to share their skills and knowledge of the Indonesian language, culture, and customs with teachers and students, and establish local Australian community connections.

During this semester, senior students at St Patrick's Primary, Ballarat have increased their knowledge, cultural perspective and enthusiasm about Indonesia through enriching activities provided by two Ambassadors, Bima and Benna, in the Indonesian and music classrooms. Benna was very musically talented so the students were also taught how to play Angklung, an Indonesian musical instrument consisting of two to four bamboo tubes suspended in a bamboo frame.

St Joseph's, Peshurst also participated in the program this semester receiving ILLA Ambassador, Nabilah, who is currently studying a Master of International Development Practice at Monash University. Years 3 – 6 students enjoyed discussing and trying different types of Indonesian foods with Nabilah. Junior year students had an opportunity to enjoy a fun, musical experience and learn the song, 'Kepala, pundak, lutut, kaki (Heads, shoulders, knees and toes) with Nabilah who is also a musician! She taught two songs to the junior year students who enjoyed singing and dancing along with her.

A huge thank you to all our dedicated Indonesian teachers who have coordinated this rewarding intercultural experience for our students and the ILLA Ambassadors.



## Little Feet, Big Footprints: Growing Young Leaders in Faith

Saint Brigid's Primary School, Ballan, recently hosted Day 2 of the *Little Feet, Big Footprints*



initiative, bringing together Year 6 students from St Patrick's Gordon, St Augustine's Creswick, St Mary's Clarkes Hill, St Michael's Daylesford, and Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree.

The day focused on leadership, connection, and faith in action. Students heard from senior leaders from Ballarat secondary schools (Loreto College, Damascus College, and St Patrick's College), and took part in a powerful session on *Laudato Si'* and environmental care, led by DOBCEL Social Justice Education Officer, Sarah Page.

This initiative is a wonderful example of Catholic schools working together to form young leaders grounded in faith and community.

The collaboration between primary and secondary schools highlighted the strength of our Catholic education network - fostering mentorship, unity, and shared values.



## Catholic Education in Action: Damascus Drama Students Take the Stage

Damascus College is proud to showcase Catholic education in action as senior Drama students prepare to present their original Unit 3 Drama Ensemble performances from 28–30 May at 7pm

in the Valda Ward Auditorium.

These VCE assessment pieces, created around the thought-provoking theme of *time*, highlight students' creativity, collaboration, and deep critical thinking. In a world where Father Time has gone missing, characters from across history must grapple with life in a timeless reality - offering a rich mix of comedy, drama, and spiritual reflection.

The performances are a testament to the vibrant learning that happens when faith and the arts come together. Students have embraced this challenge with passion and purpose, reflecting the Catholic values of community, creativity, and formation of the whole person.

All are welcome to attend. Seating is unreserved and no bookings are required. Come and support these talented students as they bring their learning to life on stage.

This performance season beautifully reflects how Catholic education nurtures students to grow as confident, creative, and compassionate young people - formed through faith, strengthened by community, and inspired by collaboration.



## Official Portrait of Pope Leo XIV

The Vatican has released the official institutional portrait of Pope Leo XIV.

Bishop Paul invites every Catholic school to honour our shared faith by placing a photo of the Pope in

a prominent place - a reminder that we are part of a global Catholic family.

[Click here](#) to download the portrait. The portrait is not intended for news use, but rather printing, framing and placing on walls in Catholic churches, agencies and facilities.

## First Year Early Career Teachers

On Monday, our first-year Early Career Teachers came together for a dedicated day of professional learning focused on the theme of *Communication, Connection and Relationships*.



The day offered a rich program covering key topics to support our new teachers in their ongoing development. Sessions included Communication-Friendly Classrooms, Positive Behaviour Supports, Reportable Conduct, Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) Requirements, and How to Approach Challenging Conversations. Each session was designed to provide practical strategies and guidance to help build strong, respectful, and effective relationships with students, colleagues, and families.

It was a valuable opportunity for early career teachers to learn, reflect, and connect with one another, reinforcing the importance of clear communication and positive relationships in every aspect of teaching. We are proud of all they have accomplished so far in their first year and look forward to supporting their continued growth.

Our next Early Career Teacher gathering is the annual retreat that is taking place on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August. The venue will be Country Plaza Halls Gap. This is an opportunity for all early career teachers in their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> years to:

Come together to build connections with each other, with creation and the possibility of being open to God's presence.

Provide an opportunity for our early career teachers to have valuable time to nurture their own spirits.

Gain strategies to enhance their own wellbeing .

Explore and experience rich spiritual practices from the Catholic story and vision and how these may be able to be experienced in their own lives.

This annual gathering is a highlight and is very valued by our Early Career Teachers. It is intentionally designed for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Years teacher to participate together. This experience is always invitational in nature.



school community, we'd love to highlight the ways you are upholding the rich tradition and mission of Catholic education.

### Share with us!

Send your stories, photos, or videos to

**[comms@dobcel.catholic.edu.au](mailto:comms@dobcel.catholic.edu.au)**

*Please include your school's name and a brief description of the event or activity.*

Together, let's continue to honour our incredible legacy and inspire one another as we walk in faith, lead with love, and learn for life.

## Celebrating Teachers Who Inspire!

### The NCEC are looking for candidates to be featured in a new, exciting initiative!

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) is proud to launch a new initiative on their website: **Teachers Who Inspire** - a celebration of the passionate educators and leaders in Catholic schools who are building strong, faith-filled learning communities across Australia.

Through personal stories and reflections, this series aims to spotlight the incredible impact Catholic educators are making in the lives of students every day.

The NCEC have just published their first feature: a Q&A with Principal David Graham, exploring how faith, purpose and possibility guide his leadership. [Read it here.](#)

The NCEC is now inviting nominations for future features! If you know a teacher or school leader with a story worth sharing, they would love to hear from you - or feel free to pass this opportunity along.

### Participants are invited to share:

Here's what participants are being asked to share:

#### A bit of background:

- Name
- School and current role
- Year levels/subjects taught
- How long they've been in teaching or leadership

#### And a few reflective questions:

1. What inspired you to become a teacher?
2. Can you share a moment in your career where you really felt you made a difference?
3. Is there a story from your time teaching that has inspired you/had a deep impact on you?

## Share Your Celebrations - Catholic Education Week 2025!

### Let's Shine a Light on Our Shared Mission

Catholic Education Week 2025 is a time to come together in faith, gratitude and celebration - and we want to showcase the incredible ways our schools are living out our shared commitment to Catholic education.



From liturgies and prayer services to student-led initiatives, community events, and classroom activities - every celebration reflects the values that bind us: faith, excellence, compassion, and service.

**How is your school celebrating?** We're inviting all schools to share their Catholic Education Week activities and events with us! Whether it's a snapshot of your school's liturgical celebrations, a video of a student performance, or reflections from your

4. How does your faith shape your teaching approach?
5. What's the most rewarding part of teaching in a Catholic school?
6. What do you think is the most valuable role Catholic education plays in today's society?

Photos are encouraged to help bring these stories to life (with appropriate permissions if students are featured).

Help us shine a light on the educators who are making a difference every day in our DOBCEL community.

**Nominate or get in touch with the NCEC today! To participate or for more information, please contact: [comms@dobcel.catholic.edu.au](mailto:comms@dobcel.catholic.edu.au)**

## People and Development Updates

### Deputy and Assistant Principal and Senior Leaders Forum - 17 & 18 June 2025

<b>Program Overview</b>	The two-day forum is open for both primary and secondary Deputy and Assistant Principals and Senior Leaders.  There will be a variety of presenters across the two days with interactive sessions on Catholic School Culture, Wellbeing (including both staff and student wellbeing) and sharing of best practice.
<b>Time</b>	<b>Day 1</b> – 10:00 – 4:00pm and <b>Day 2</b> 9:00 -2:00pm
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 17 June and Wednesday 18 June
<b>Location</b>	St Brigid's College Horsham VCAL room – 97 Robinsons St, Horsham
<b>Cost</b>	\$150 (cost includes Day 1 – morning tea, lunch and evening dinner)  Day 2 - morning tea and lunch
<b>Try booking registration</b>	<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DA SUB">https://www.trybooking.com/DA SUB</a>

Schools will be expected to organise and pay for any necessary travel and accommodation costs of participating staff.

For further information on the forum, please contact [Janet Claassen](#) or [Fiona Murphy](#).

## Have Your Say – Help Shape the Next Enterprise Agreement

As we move towards the preparation for shaping the next Agreement we want to hear from you.

All **DOBCEL primary school staff** are invited to a short online session (30–40 mins) to:

- Hear an update on the consultation process,
- Have an opportunity to discuss key priorities with colleagues, and
- Nominate your personal top 3 priorities via a quick poll.

These optional sessions are grouped by role/job type. Your insights will directly inform DOBCEL's bargaining approach.

#### Session Schedule:

Staff Group	Date	Time	MS Teams Link
<b>Teachers</b>	Mon 26 May	3.30 pm	<b><a href="#">Join the meeting now</a></b>  Meeting ID: 448 653 477 192 9 Passcode: U344C9Tq
	Thu 29 May	8.00 am	<b><a href="#">Join the meeting now</a></b>  Meeting ID: 488 594 625 132 5 Passcode: RP2Tc2YN
	Fri 30 May	8.00 am	<b><a href="#">Join the meeting now</a></b>  Meeting ID: 469 394 868 081 4 Passcode: Zj928Kd3
	Tue 3 June	3.30 pm	<b><a href="#">Join the meeting now</a></b>  Meeting ID: 498 482 892 586 Passcode: WC7aP7LV
<b>ES Staff</b>	Wed 28 May	8.00 am	<b><a href="#">Join the meeting now</a></b>  Meeting ID: 442 189 258 765 7 Passcode: 9pJ98Lm6

	Mon 2 June	3.30 pm	<b><a href="#">Join the meeting now</a></b>  Meeting ID: 427 338 959 713 7 Passcode: 9ik3AR9B
<b>Other School Staff</b>	Tue 27 May	8.00 am	<b><a href="#">Join the meeting now</a></b>  Meeting ID: 437 979 506 618 0 Passcode: eG7RV2Ga
	Thu 29 May	3.30 pm	<b><a href="#">Join the meeting now</a></b>  Meeting ID: 440 744 674 385 2 Passcode: HR39WH2f

No need to register – **just click the MS Teams link** for your preferred session.

We've scheduled sessions at both morning and afternoon times to ensure a fair balance, allowing some participation during work hours and some in your own time, while also minimising disruption to learning, supervision and school operations.

Attendance is optional and does not attract TIL if outside your normal work hours.

These sessions are for **DOBCEL primary school staff only**. Secondary staff should speak with their school leadership about sessions relevant to them.

**We value your voice and look forward to your contribution.**

## Catholic Identity and Mission Updates

### Liturgical Music Symposium with Tony Alonso

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission invites you to attend a day on liturgical music, presented by international composer, Tony Alonso on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat.



There will be three workshops during the day from 9.00am- 3.30pm and one evening workshop from 7.00pm- 8.30pm. Costs: Full day ticket is \$75.00 per person and includes morning tea, lunch and evening workshop (no evening meal provided), evening workshop

only is \$25.00 per person.

There is the opportunity of sponsorship for five people from each parish in the diocese to attend this event. Please contact your parish office to register your interest in this sponsorship. Program and workshop details are available from the [diocesan website](#). Bookings are essential through [trybooking](#) or scan the QR code.

**Click here** to view the flyer.

Enquiries ph. (03) 5337 7159 or email [liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au)



## Wellbeing Updates



**Upcoming Webinar: Understanding Anxiety and School Refusal with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg**

**FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER.**

<b>Session Name</b>	Upcoming Webinar: Understanding Anxiety and School Refusal with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg
<b>Date, location and time</b>	Thursday 22 May   3:30 PM   Online

<b>Information</b>	<p>We're pleased to invite staff across the diocese to a special webinar with renowned psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, focusing on the rising challenge of anxiety and school refusal in students.</p> <p>Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's leading child and adolescent psychologists, a passionate mental health advocate, and the founder of <b>SchoolTV</b>—a trusted online resource used by schools across the country to support student wellbeing and build capacity in families and educators.</p> <p>This webinar is timely and highly relevant. This session is designed to support staff to better understand these complex challenges and respond with confidence and compassion.</p> <p>We encourage all interested staff—leadership, wellbeing, classroom, and learning support—to join us for this important conversation.</p> <p><i>Let's continue working together to support every student's wellbeing, learning and fullness of life for all.</i></p>
<b>Registration link</b>	<b><a href="#">Register here</a></b>

### Out of Home Care

<b>Session Name</b>	Designated Teacher Training 2025
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<b>Information</b>	<p>DT Training is free and offered to anyone who has been appointed Designated Teacher in their school or has an interest in supporting students who are in Out-of-Home Care.</p> <p>School leadership is strongly encouraged to attend this training to support the implementation of the Designated Teacher role within their schools.</p> <p>Training will assist participants gain an understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the experience of children in Out-of-Home Care</li> <li>• attachment and trauma theory</li> <li>• the requirements of the Out-of-Home Care Education Commitment (The Partnering Agreement)</li> <li>• the importance of culturally responsive schools</li> <li>• the role of Department Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)</li> <li>• the role of the Designated Teacher</li> <li>• the role of LOOKOUT Centres.</li> </ul>
<b>Registration</b>	<p><b>Term 2, 2025</b></p> <p>2nd June - F2F, whole day, Horsham College (<a href="#">register here</a> by Tuesday 27th May)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>5th June - online, two x 90 minute sessions, attendance is required at both Part A and Part B (<a href="#">register here</a>)</p>

### Out of Home Care

<b>Session Name</b>	Learning Mentor Training 2025
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<p><b>Information</b></p>	<p>The Learning Mentoring (LM) role is integral to supporting the learning, academic achievement and wellbeing of young people in Out-of-Home Care.</p> <p>A Learning Mentor works with the individual student/s and alongside a schools Designated Teacher (DT). The Learning Mentor role is a requirement of the the Out-of-Home-Care Education Commitment: a Partnering Agreement and can be a teacher or staff member allocated in consultation with the student.</p> <p>Learning Mentor training is free and offered to new and existing mentors. It's an opportunity to share current research and high impact strategies relating to the role for all settings.</p> <p>Training will assist participants gain an understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out-of-Home Care</li> <li>• trauma theory and the impact of trauma on children</li> <li>• the requirements of the Out-of-Home Care Education Commitment (The Partnering Agreement)</li> <li>• the importance of relationships in the school context</li> <li>• the importance of culturally responsive schools</li> <li>• the role of the Learning Mentor</li> <li>• the role of LOOKOUT Centres</li> </ul>
<p><b>Registration</b></p>	<p><b>Term 2, 2025</b></p> <p>11th June – online, 90 minutes (<a href="#">register here</a>)</p>

## Upcoming PD Term Two / 2025

**MHiPS training** - Thursday May 29th / 30th **Ballarat**

**North Network** Tuesday June 3rd (St Paul's **Mildura**) [Trybooking link](#)

**Mid North Network** Thursday June 5th (CEB Office **Horsham**) [Trybooking link](#)

## Social behaviour – Data Support:

A tiered approach to data collection for behaviour and wellbeing

Wednesday June 18th **Ballarat** (Venue TBC) [Trybooking Link](#)

## Learning and Teaching Updates

### GENERAL NEWS



## Early Career Teachers - Professional Learning TERM 2 2025

A reminder that the program days for the Early Career Teacher are approaching for Term 2, and we encourage all early career teachers to attend. Feedback from term one participants was extremely positive.

## 2nd/3rd Year ECTs

\***Robinvale** St Mary's School, 12 Watkin St, Robinvale

**Wednesday 4 June** (\*this is a make - up session for the missed session in term one)

Click [here](#) to register.

**ALL 2nd/3rd Year ECTs - ONLINE**

**Thursday 12 June** (3:30pm to 4:30pm)

Via video conference (MS Teams)

Click [here](#) to register and the MS teams link will be sent prior to the session

\***Please note** minimum numbers are necessary for all sessions to go ahead.

If you have any queries about the program, please contact Julie Cooper [jcooper@dobcel.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jcooper@dobcel.catholic.edu.au)



## Call for participants: DOBCEL Digital Leader Networks

The **Digital Leader Networks** initiative invites schools to join a dynamic Community of Practice (CoP) dedicated to advancing the teaching and learning of Digital Technologies and Digital Literacy. This program is designed for schools with a commitment to innovation, professional growth, and collaboration in the familiarisation and adoption phase of Digital Technologies curriculum and Digital Literacy Foundational Skill.

For further information see below or please contact Coby Reynolds [creynolds@dobcel.catholic.edu.au](mailto:creynolds@dobcel.catholic.edu.au)

If this is of interest to you or your school complete the **Expression of Interest Form** by the end of this week - **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**.

### PRIMARY NEWS



## Flare Primary Literacy Leaders' Forum

A huge thank you to all the Literacy Leaders from both Guided and Self-Guided schools who came along to the Term 2 Literacy Leaders' Forum on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. It was amazing to see high levels of sharing and collaboration across a wide range of schools, and all participants came away feeling energised and inspired. It's so exciting when the agenda and content of the meeting is led by our school-based colleagues - the experts on the ground.

We particularly thank Kate Farnham (St Patrick's, Nhill) for her prayer and reflection about the fascinating Biblical Lexicon; Nicole Forbes (St Joseph's, Peshurst) for leading an important and vulnerable conversation about the current realities in our schools and Jo Wheelahan for sharing the incredibly strategic Action Research taking place at St Thomas More, Alfredton. We also thank Belinda Chiswell (CEB) for presenting an insightful session about effective peer observation and feedback practices, and Julie Cooper (CEB) for chairing the meeting and keeping us all on track!

We warmly encourage all Literacy Leaders – and anyone else who may be interested - to **register** for our Term 3 Forum on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, as these events are a great opportunity for authentic conversation, story-sharing and collaboration. You may even feel inspired to present or co-present an agenda item (please email Emma if you'd like to do so: [erutherford@ceob.edu.au](mailto:erutherford@ceob.edu.au)).



## Flare Primary Literacy Drop-In Sessions: Beginning in Term Two

In Term Two, we will trial an online 'drop-in' system. If you have a quick question for Emma, Holly or Breeana you can click on the 'Join Flare VC' button on the Flare homepage and then select the drop-in option **between 3pm – 4pm every Friday** and have a chat. There will be a 'waiting room' system, to allow for individual conversations.



## Missed the SSP Selection Forum - or keen to revisit a part of it?

*SSP Selection Forum – Recording and Resources Now Available!*

If you missed this amazing forum or would like to revisit any part of the session, the recording, slide deck, and knowledge organiser is now available.

You'll find:

Overviews of several SSP programs presented on the day

Key considerations for SSP selection

Practical advice to support school-based planning, change management and decision-making

Supporting SSP Selection Recording passcode: SSPselection2025

Slide deck PDF

[Knowledge organiser PDF](#)

We'd love to hear your reflections and feedback, if you haven't already, please take a moment to click [THIS LINK](#) or scan the QR code below to share your feedback.



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*opportunity to engage in open discussions, stay updated on curriculum developments, and support one another professionally.*

We look forward to leaders joining us, working together and strengthening leadership and learning in our primary schools.

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## F-6 Mathematics Curriculum V2.0

Where are you currently on the Roadmap in preparation for the implementation of Mathematics V2.0 in 2025? Reflect on what you have in place and cross reference your progress against the 2025 Implementation Roadmap **document**.

### **Voices from the field sharing their journey about preparing to implement Mathematics V2.0**

For more assistance, please contact:

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**Mathematics Teaching and Learning Centre**

### **(MTLC)**

The MTLC is pleased to announce that a new selection of pre-recorded webinars is now available.

In 2025 the MTLC team are varying the availability of these sessions to provide the opportunity for teachers to be able to access them at their own convenience.

Full descriptions can be seen on the website here: [2025 MTLC Master Class Webinar Series](#).



## Primary Leaders of Learning – Session #2, May 28

**Term 2 PLoL:**

Wednesday, 28th May

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Delivered via VC – MS Teams

### **Register for Term 2**

### **Term 2 PLoL Agenda:**

Educational Leadership: Providing professional support to colleagues

Curriculum Updates

*The Primary Leaders of Learning (PLoL) network provides a space for primary school leaders to connect, collaborate, and share evidence-based teaching practices. This is an*



## Michael Ymer Term 2 Full day Conference

Engaging Mathematics Activities

Target Audience: Upper Primary Years

Venue: **BALLARAT: Sovereign Park Motor Inn**

Date **18<sup>th</sup> June**

**Conference Details & Registration:** Click on this **link** to access the flyer with all the details, including information on how to register.

We highly recommend booking early.

- **Specialist Teacher – Physical Education** – St John’s School – Dennington – fixed-term 0.47 FTE (closes **13 June**)
- **Classroom Teachers** – St Joseph’s College, Mildura – ongoing positions at 1.0 FTE (closes **19 June**)
- **2025 Casual Relief Teachers** – Siena Catholic Primary School, Lucas – casual position (closes **4 July**)
- **2025 Casual Relief Teachers** – St Columba’s School, Ballarat North – casual position (closes **25 November**)
- **Classroom Teacher 2026** – St Mary’s – Warracknabeal – ongoing at 1.0 FTE (closes **5 December**)

## Career Opportunities in the Diocesan Education Community

### Catholic Education Ballarat Vacancy

No CEB staff vacancies.

### Principal Vacancy

- **Principal** – St Brendan’s, Coragulac at 1.0 FTE (closes **15 June**)
- **Principal** – St Patrick’s, Port Fairy at 1.0 FTE (closes **15 June**)

### School Vacancies

- **Human Resources Manager** - Loreto College, Ballarat – ongoing position at 1.0 FTE (closes **25 May**)
- **Instrumental Tutor – Piano/Vocal** – Damascus College, Mt Clear – fixed-term at 0.2 FTE (closes **25 May**)
- **Administration Assistant – Leadership Team** - Damascus College, Mt Clear- ongoing position at 1.0 FTE (closes **26 May**)
- **Administration Assistant – Parent Reception** - Damascus College, Mt Clear – ongoing Position at 0.40 FTE (closes **26 May**)
- **Classroom Teacher** – St Aloysius’ Primary School, Redan – fixed-term at 1.0 FTE (closes **26 May**)
- **Business Manager** – St Aloysius’ Primary School, Redan – ongoing position at 1.0 FTE (closes **27 May**)
- **Mathematics Teacher** – Marian College, Ararat – ongoing position at 1.0 FTE (closes **30 May**)
- **Director of Years 10 – 12: Position of Leadership (POL 4)** – ongoing at 1.0 FTE (closes **2 June**)