

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ADVERTISING FEATURE

Showcase great education

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OUR schools in the Diocese of Bathurst will join with more than 620 schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week during March 5-11.

The theme for 2017 is Catholic Schools: Great Learning, Great Communities and our schools are offering a variety of activities and educational initiatives to showcase this theme to members of the community.

Each of our 33 schools from Lithgow in the south to Baradine in the north is part of the long and rich tradition of quality Catholic schooling in this country.

One in five students in Australia attends Catholic schools and in the past 24 years, the number of students in Catholic schools has increased by 30 per cent.

Having contributed to the fabric of Australian society in the past, Catholic schools continue to strive to partner with families and their local community to provide a holistic quality education for students. Founded on the view that each human being

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is unique, possessing their individual gifts and talents, our schools are professional learning communities relentlessly focused on calling forth and developing each student's potential.

The great learning which occurs in our schools is reflected in the outstanding HSC results obtained by students in the Year 12 cohort across our schools in Lithgow, Bathurst, Orange, Mudgee and Dubbo. These results were stronger than any previous cohort. This reflects the quality teaching practices occurring across

our schools and the focus on excellence.

Our student centred, contemporary learning environments are characterised by the following five key elements:

- Personalised learning
- Engaging and adaptive environments
- A learning community that develops expertise and collaboration
- A learning culture that deepens insight & meaning
- A rich Catholic curriculum and authentic experiences that engage and challenge the learner.

Catholic Schools Week provides the opportunity for the community to become more familiar with the affordable, inclusive, quality learning environment which exists in each of our schools. On visiting our schools, you'll discover all of the ways in which they are providing a safe, welcoming community in which all students can flourish. You are invited to visit one of our schools, visit our website bth.catholic.edu.au and to make an enrolment enquiry.



QUALITY EDUCATION: Mrs Jenny Allen, Executive Director of Schools for the Diocese of Bathurst, says Catholic Schools Week is a chance to showcase great learning.