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Subject: St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten announcement (Bundaberg)

Bundaberg's first Catholic kindergarten will open in January 2020 adjacent to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg.

"I am delighted to be able to share this exciting news with the St Joseph's and wider Bundaberg community following consultation with the School Board, and with the support of Catholic Bishop of Rockhampton, Most Rev Michael McCarthy DD and the Bundaberg Catholic Parish," Miss Jeffcoat said.

Construction of St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten will commence on the site in Woondooma St in coming weeks and will continue during the remainder of the 2019 school year ready for opening next year.

"Catholic Education in Bundaberg commenced over 140 years at St Joseph's and it's very pleasing that we are able to continue to grow our services in this area to offer a quality educational choice for Bundaberg families from early learning through to Year 12," Miss Jeffcoat said.

The new Catholic kindergarten will offer the endorsed Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline providing opportunities for children to engage, through a play-based approach, learning across the intellectual, language, emotional, physical, social and spiritual dimensions.

"In addition, our new kindergarten will implement the Framework for Early Years Spiritual Development in the Catholic Tradition developed by Catholic Education which provides an early year's program that nurtures each child's innate spirituality and relationship with God," Miss Jeffcoat said.

Miss Jeffcoat extended thanks to St Joseph's Principal Kaye Beston for her active support and enthusiasm for development of the kindergarten to further serve St Joseph's families.

"We are very excited and looking forward to welcoming our first cohort of children to the kindergarten in January 2020," Miss Jeffcoat said.

Further information about enrolment at St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten is available on the Rockhampton Catholic Education website or by contacting Catholic Education Early Learning and Care on 49948095.

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