



Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd

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Healthy new spaces opened at Marist Sion

The Catholic Bishop of Sale, Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan, visited Marist Sion College today to bless and formally open the Jericho Centre, a building focussed on health and physical education.

Bishop O'Regan was joined by Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale, Ms Maria Kirkwood, Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing, and Principal of the school, Mr Peter Houlahan, along with members and friends of the school community for the celebration.

Mr Houlahan said the state-of-the-art new learning areas will enhance the school's ability to deliver excellent learning opportunities in health, physical education and a range of other subjects.

"It has been terrific to see the development at our school over the last few years. Replacing our portable buildings with these superb facilities has really boosted the morale of our students and staff," he said

Ms Kirkwood said that it was wonderful to see the Catholic ethos of the school reflected in the new building.

"One of the key tenets of Catholic education is our focus on the development of the whole child, academically, physically, spiritually and emotionally. These facilities provide an engaging, safe and welcoming environment for students to reach their full potential," she said.

The \$3.6 million project included the removal of five demountable classrooms and construction of six permanent general learning areas, along with health and physical education facilities including covered basketball courts. The works were completed by local company Kubale Constructions. The project was supported by a \$2 million grant from the Victorian Government and loans from the Catholic Development Fund.

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