



Appointment of

Deputy Diocesan Director

Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie

The Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie (CDPP) invites applications for the position of

Deputy Diocesan Director Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie

We look forward to welcoming an experienced and passionate Executive leader to join our Diocese of Port Pirie Catholic Education team!

We are seeking the highest calibre leader for this role, and the Deputy Diocesan Director Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie will commence as soon as possible by negotiation if/ as required.

As a senior system leader, the Deputy Diocesan Director Catholic Education Port Pirie will represent, support, report to and assist the Diocesan Director, and act with delegated authority on behalf of the Diocesan Director as appropriate.

The Deputy Diocesan Director, Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie will join the Catholic Education Office (CEO) team based in Port Pirie, and collaborate as part of a broader Catholic Education South Australia team, to ultimately serve leaders, staff, students and families across the vast landscape, communities and contexts that comprise our Diocese.

The Deputy Diocesan Director Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie will be a dynamic leader of mission, with a commitment to further strengthening outcomes and opportunities for children and young people in regional and remote Catholic school contexts. This role will suit a leader with vision and a deep commitment to enabling hope-filled futures for all who encounter the richness of excellent Catholic education in our schools.

The Deputy Diocesan Director Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie will have proven experience, knowledge and demonstrated successful system leadership in Catholic education, and a core desire to lead and work to achieve excellence, through a strong vision for faith, education and equitable access for all students.

This position offers a unique opportunity to work collaboratively to envision and implement a range of key system initiatives within the context of CDPP schools, including but not limited to development and oversight of implementation of the following key priorities:

- Being Church Together
- Regional and Remote Catholic Education Strategy
- Regional Schools Pathways Project
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Strategy
- Workforce Development Plan

The Deputy Diocesan Director, Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie will operate with a high degree of autonomy, whilst strongly connected as a key member of a close-knit, diversely skilled Port Pirie CEO team to achieve the strategic objectives and implement the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools' *Towards 2027: Expanding Horizons and Deepening Practices – Strategy for Catholic Education South Australia*.

Most Rev Karol Kulczycki SDS, shared in his inaugural homily at his Installation as the 12th Bishop of Port Pirie,

“In our communities, parishes, schools – we should build an environment of security and trust, support and love, kindness and goodness so that all of us; young and old should be proud of our faith and beliefs. Having such a state of relationship with God in the community of believers will make us natural evangelisers, because we will be naturally sharing our joys with others.”

He said we are drawn to and invite others into a diocesan Church that is a family of families with a

“Common home, common table, common goal.”

Together, we will live, learn and lead to support God's mission through provision of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Port Pirie specifically, and across South Australia more broadly.



Please find enclosed:

- General information about the Diocesan Catholic education context
- South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools *Towards 2027: Expanding Horizons and Deepening Practices – Strategy for Catholic Education South Australia*
- *Diocese of Port Pirie priorities*
- *CESA Living Learning Leading Framework*
- *CESA Regional & Remote Education Strategy*
- *The Position Information Document*
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The Diocese of Port Pirie Community



We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are Australia's first peoples and custodians of the land and waters upon which we live the joy of the Gospel.

Led by the Bishop of Port Pirie, Most Rev Karol Kulczycki SDS, the Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie is a gathering of diverse communities scattered across 980,000 square kilometers.

The diocese was established independent of the Southern (Adelaide) diocese in 1887. Port Pirie is the administrative centre of the Diocese.

The heart of Catholic education beats strongly in our 14 schools across the diocese, located across the outback, the mining fields, Aboriginal lands, the Riverland, the Flinders Ranges, and in towns along the gulf up and down the Eyre and Yorke peninsulas.

As you take up the opportunity of leading in this diocese you will come to know and become known by over 900 staff and 4,250 students within schools, parishes and town communities. You will be enriched by and enrich the landscape and the people.

“Our strong, collaborative culture is evident in our communities, schools and relationships:

... We are distanced, yet not distant.”

- Nichii Mardon,
Diocesan Director Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie

The Deputy Diocesan Director

This is an exciting time for Catholic Education in South Australia.

The Deputy Diocesan Director will work closely with the Diocesan Director and the Thebarton based Catholic Education office colleagues to bring the vision of Catholic Education SA to life:

Our vision is to create an educational environment which matters to students and their families and which resonates culturally and deeply for them. In each learning area, across the whole life of the school, and in partnership with families, each of us discovers the love of God which is revealed in Christ, proclaimed by the Church and lived by all people of good will.

Through all facets of this senior executive leadership role, the Deputy Diocesan Director Catholic Education, Diocese of Port Pirie will operate with a high degree of autonomy to achieve the strategic objectives and implement the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools' *Towards 2027: Expanding Horizons and Deepening Practices – Strategy for Catholic Education South Australia*.

Whilst this role requires leadership of all Strategy areas, the Deputy Diocesan Director Port Pirie will have a key role and responsibility for leading culture and change, in partnership with key stakeholders, in strategic areas with particular relevance and contextual application within Diocese of Port Pirie schools, relating, but not limited, to:

- Diocesan strategic priorities
- Excellent faith, education and accessibility outcomes for staff and students
- CESA Regional and Remote Education Strategy
- Early years -12 Catholic education access and pathways for students across South Australia
- CESA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Strategy
- Supporting, sustaining and growing all facets of workforce across Diocese of Port Pirie schools

This role requires the Deputy Diocesan Director, Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie to be fully cognisant of all operational areas of the Port Pirie Catholic Education Office to be able to assume responsibility as Acting Diocesan Director and to represent the Diocesan Director when appropriate.

The Deputy Diocesan Director Port Pirie will share our vision and commitment to further strengthening faith, learning and wellbeing, and educational access, outcomes and opportunities for all students in our schools."

- Nichii Mardon,
Diocesan Director Catholic Education
Diocese of Port Pirie

Essential Criteria

In order to be eligible for shortlisting and selection, an applicant is required to meet the essential criteria listed below.

The Deputy Diocesan Director, Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie will have

- Active participation in a Catholic Eucharistic community;
- Post-graduate Masters qualifications relating to Catholic theology and educational leadership;
- Tertiary qualifications in Education or complementary area.

Additional Requirements for this Role

- Flexible working hours
- Intrastate and interstate travel
- Travel and attendance at system and diocesan events as required
- Current driver's licence is essential

Reporting Relationships and Key Stakeholders

In Diocesan schools the Deputy Diocesan Director, Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie is responsible to the Port Pirie Diocesan Director for leadership that enhances our authentic Catholic educational community. The Deputy Diocesan Director, Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie is also accountable, through the Diocesan Director, to the community of schools that comprise Catholic Education SA, to the wider Church community and to government statutory authorities.

Working within the context of relevant governance structures, the Deputy Diocesan Director, Diocese of Port Pirie has responsibility for strengthening Catholic identity and mission, shaping culture, building capacity, enhancing performance, identifying challenges, and responding creatively to support Diocese of Port Pirie schools, leaders, staff, students and families.

The Deputy Diocesan Director Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie works closely with:

- Diocesan Director Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie
- Bishop of Diocese of Port Pirie
- Catholic Identity and Mission Advisor, Port Pirie
- Port Pirie Diocesan Principals and Senior Staff in schools
- Port Pirie Schools Performance Leader
- Diocesan Parishes
- School Communities
- SA Catholic Education Offices staff

A message for you

Please enjoy this video message to you from Nichii Mardon, Diocesan Director, Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie Education Port Pirie.



Information for Potential Applicants

Dear Colleague

Thank you for your enquiry about this executive leadership role, Deputy Diocesan Director, Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie. The information within this package will assist you in discernment and facilitation of the application process. Should you wish to proceed with an application, please provide the following:

- Brief covering letter (no more than a page) addressed to the Diocesan Director
- Application statement (no more than 4 pages) outlining your vision, experience, and suitability for the role addressing the *Position Information Document* and Essential Criteria
- Resume including Parish Priest's contact details from your Sunday Eucharistic community.
- Completed *CESA Employment Declaration Form*

If you choose to opt for a discussion with the Diocesan Director/Director's Delegate rather than answering one or more of the questions, please note that you must submit your application ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS.

Please email your application to: talent@cesa.catholic.edu.au

Please address your application to:

The Diocesan Director, Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie
C/- Sue Kennedy-Branford
Director: People, Leadership and Culture
Catholic Education Office
PO Box 179
Torrensville Plaza SA 5031

Please feel free to contact Sue Kennedy-Branford on 8301 6630 if you have any queries.



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