

Media Statement

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MORE WEST AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES CHOOSING A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

For the first time, more than 80,000 West Australian students are enrolled in a Catholic School, as families continue to benefit from school choice.

The February 2023 State Census Data shows 80,336 children are enrolled in Catholic education, an increase of 4.6% since 2020.

The increase in enrolments has come across the State, with a 3.9% increase in enrolments in Metro schools and an 8.6% increase in Country schools. There are also more Aboriginal students enrolled in Catholic schools, with 4.7% of all students being Aboriginal, compared to 4.2% in 2020.

Catholic Education Executive Director, Dr Debra Sayce said:

'At a time where they have faced challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic and an increase in the cost of living, I am delighted that families continue to put their faith in a Catholic education.'

'That's because families know they will receive an affordable, quality, faith-based education, which helps their child grow academically and spiritually so that they can reach their God-given potential and make positive contributions to their communities.'

'And we are expanding our footprint further, with the newest Catholic School, Emmaus Catholic Primary School, opening this year in Dayton – a growth area for our city.'

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Note to Editors

There are 163 Catholic schools operating in West Australia. Anyone wishing to enrol their child at a Catholic school should visit www.cewa.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school/school-directory/.

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