

Catholic Schools NSW to launch its Connected Catholic Communities Symposium & Masterclass

Catholic Schools NSW has answered the call of the Australian Plenary Council's outcomes and will launch its Connected Catholic Communities Symposium & Masterclass in Sydney next week.

Catholic Schools NSW has embarked upon this bold initiative to respond, in part, to the outcomes of the Australian Plenary Council, which called on those responsible for Catholic education, including parents and parishes, to identify and respond to the diverse needs and distinct circumstances of Catholic schools in Australia today.

A diverse cross-section of the Catholic education community will gather on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 March in Sydney to explore the Symposium's central question: How might we transform our work and the services we provide to our students, families and staff to ensure vibrant and flourishing Catholic school communities?

CSNSW invites all those interested in creating flourishing communities, including those from education settings, parent bodies, parishes, Catholic social services, health providers and others, to explore opportunities for enhanced partnerships to meet families' needs better.

Participants at the Symposium will also hear from schools and systems that have already embarked on the journey of a more 'joined-up' partnership approach to delivering school education. These partnerships involve parishes, early childhood, outside school hours care, health and allied health.

Danielle Cronin, Director of Education Policy at Catholic Schools NSW, said, "As our schools are asked to do more and be more in their communities, we know the key to answering the call of the Plenary Council is exploring how we might leverage the vast footprint of the Catholic Church, in mutually supportive and reinforcing ways, to build and sustain flourishing 'connected Catholic communities.'"

Anne T. Henderson (USA) will be the Symposium's keynote speaker and lead a Masterclass. A passionate advocate, Anne has enriched relationships between families, schools, and communities for over 40 years. The theme of her address will be the importance of belonging to connectedness and wellbeing.

Limited places are still available to attend one or both of the days.

- **When:** 11 March, 12 – 4 pm (lunch included)
- **Where:** The Amora Hotel Jamison, 11 Jamison Street, Sydney.
- **Register now:** Interested participants can register [HERE](#).

Catholic Schools NSW represents the state's 592 Catholic schools and their 268,000 students.