

CSBB School Leaders Excited for Jubilee Pilgrimage

Catholic Schools Broken Bay principals are preparing for a Holy Jubilee Year pilgrimage which will be the culmination of a new innovative professional development and formation program which will also benefit students.

Over the last two years the principals have been undertaking modules of a renewed program designed to develop their professional and spiritual growth.

The Holy Jubilee Year, a once-in-25-years event in the life of the Church, provides a rare and profound opportunity to complete the revised program.

The 10-day pilgrimage to historical and sacred places in Poland and Rome during the term break at the end of Term 3, will provide opportunities for reflection, renewal and deepening of faith.

“The learnings and teachings gathered during this pilgrimage will also have enormous benefit when our principals return to our schools and classrooms,” Director of CSBB, Danny Casey, said.

“Not only has the feedback from our principals on this new program and the pilgrimage been extremely positive, but it reinforces what our parents are seeking – human flourishing of their child as together we ensure all children come to know Christ, to love learning, and to be the very best they can be.”

All principals and system leaders were invited to join the pilgrimage with around 90% taking part.

“For those not able to join us, we have asked them to discuss how we might work together so that the growth and formation from the pilgrimage is still available to them,” Danny said.

“In this way we want to ensure all our leaders have a unique and transformative opportunity. It is important we continue to recognise, support, and invest in the professional development of our staff as one of our key strategic initiatives.

“We are also excited about the positive impact it will have across the CSBB community.”

Principal at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Mona Vale, Jamie Wahab, said the new program followed by the pilgrimage experience aligns closely with CSBB’s strategic commitment to nurturing faith-filled communities, and authentic Catholic education.

“By deepening our spiritual connection, and strengthening our shared purpose, I am sure we will all return better equipped to inspire our colleagues, students, and families in living out our mission as educators with care, compassion, and courage,” Jamie said.

The CSBB pilgrimage will include Wadowice in Poland, the birthplace of St John Paul II, the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum and the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp where St Maximilian Kolbe was murdered, as well as St Peter's Basilica and other Holy sites in Rome.

Broken Bay Bishop, Most Rev Anthony Randazzo will also travel with the group, celebrating the final pilgrimage Mass at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls in Rome.