

Media Release

Catholic Education, Diocese of Wagga Wagga Appoints New Executive Director

Bishop Mark Edwards OMI is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Sandra Harvey as the new Executive Director of Catholic Education, Diocese of Wagga Wagga (CEDWW).

Announcing the appointment, Bishop Mark Edwards OMI, Bishop of Wagga Wagga, expressed his confidence in Dr Harvey's leadership.

"I am delighted to appoint Dr Sandra Harvey to the position of Executive Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Wagga Wagga," said Bishop Edwards.

"Sandra brings to this role extensive experience in Catholic education, having held principal and senior system leadership positions across four states."

Dr Harvey joined CEDWW in January 2022 as Director of Evangelisation and Religious Education. She previously served as Assistant Director with Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited and Catholic Education Tasmania, holding portfolios in Mission and Identity, Education, and School and System Improvement.

"Since her arrival, Sandra has been instrumental in shaping our Education Charter, School Effectiveness Framework, and Strategic Plan," Bishop Edwards noted. "She is dedicated to ensuring our schools are vibrant communities of welcome, faith, learning, and service that align with the mission of the Church."

Dr Harvey's academic qualifications include three Master's degrees (Educational Leadership, Religious Education, and System Leadership) and a Doctor of Education from the Australian Catholic University. Her doctoral research focused on developing schools as professional learning communities of religious educators.

Her commitment to Catholic education is further demonstrated through her personal faith, active parish involvement, and leadership roles as Chair of the NSW Heads of Religious Education, a Mercy Associate, and a recent Director of Marist Schools Australia.

Dr Harvey, supported by her husband, Peter, and their daughter, Kate, looks forward to continuing her connection with the Diocese and its communities.

"I am deeply honoured to be appointed as the new Executive Director and very much looking forward to continuing to work with our school leaders, staff and parish priests across the Wagga Wagga Diocese," said Dr Harvey. "I look forward to building on the great work already underway and providing stability and a clear, collaborative vision for the future of our Catholic schools."

The appointment follows a highly competitive selection process that attracted many experienced applicants from across the country. Bishop Edwards extended his gratitude to the Selection Committee for their deep understanding and careful consideration during the appointment process.

He also expressed his sincere thanks to Mrs Peggy Saab for her dedicated service as Executive Director over the last 3 months. "Peggy's expert leadership has been invaluable in guiding our system of schools during this period, and we are extremely grateful for her contributions," said Bishop Edwards.

"I congratulate Dr Harvey on this appointment and look forward to the leadership and vision she will bring to our schools and communities across the Diocese."

Dr Harvey will commence as Executive Director in January 2026.

Catholic Education, Diocese of Wagga Wagga, supports a system of 24 primary schools, 5 secondary colleges, and two boarding facilities, educating over 9000 students and employing over 1800 staff across the Diocese of Wagga Wagga in southern New South Wales.

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