

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: A new era for Secondary education in the Eastern Shire

Thank you to the parents and broader community who contributed to the Engagement Portal and who joined us at De La Salle Catholic College Caringbah for a discussion about the exciting new educational precinct in the Eastern Shire. Your feedback and questions were invaluable and have informed our work as we progressed our plans.

Along with my Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) colleagues and Principals Stephen Mahoney, Leonie Pearce and Peter Buxton, I am pleased to announce that the three Eastern Shire secondary schools will transform within an interdependent educational precinct to better service the needs of our local Catholic families. The precinct will be characterised by a sharing of resources, curriculum offerings and teacher expertise, and a focus on the nurturing of student character to prepare them to thrive in the world of tomorrow.

De La Salle Catholic College Cronulla will become a co-educational 7-12 school, offering parents in the Eastern Shire the choice of schooling model which best suits their child's needs. De La Salle Catholic College Cronulla will be known from 2024 as St Aloysius College Cronulla, to honour its close parish connection.

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College Burraneer and De La Salle Catholic College Caringbah will remain single-sex but will become full 7-12 schools. The colleges will remain centres of excellence in girls' and boys' education respectively.

Across the precinct, students will have access to a wider variety of offerings which maximise our beautiful location and proximity to the water. Sports including rowing and sailing, partnerships with local tertiary institutes, and additional courses such as marine biology and aquaculture will enhance the learning of our students.

St Aloysius College will accept enrolments for Year 7, 2024 from October 2022 and will continue to accept enrolments for Year 11 from Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College and De La Salle Catholic Caringbah. There will be an Open Day on 8 November.

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College Burraneer and De La Salle Catholic College Caringbah will also commence Year 11 classes in 2024. There will be Open Days on 25 October (Caringbah) and 26 October (Burraneer) for 2024 enrolments for Years 7-11.

The open days will be a great opportunity to hear more about the exciting journey of all three schools and I encourage you to attend.

You can keep up to date with the project through our schools and you will see information being posted through our website easternshire.syd.catholic.edu.au and social media channels. At any time, questions or feedback can be emailed to easternshire@syd.catholic.edu.au or discussed with the College Principals.

We are delighted to offer parents in the Eastern Shire greater choice and opportunity for their children to further grow within our thriving Catholic community.

God bless,



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