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& Affordability

Choose Catholic Education



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Welcome

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions a family will make.

Across Catholic Education Sandhurst, our schools are places where children are known, supported and encouraged to grow in their learning, in their confidence and in their sense of belonging.

These schools are part of Catholic Education Sandhurst which supports 52 Catholic schools across the regional and rural Victoria to provide high-quality teaching and learning, strong leadership and caring school communities.

Catholic schools welcome families from all backgrounds and faith traditions. What unites our communities is a shared commitment to helping young people, families and communities experience 'life to the full' through learning, belonging and opportunity.

We also understand that many families are navigating rising living costs. Catholic schools remain committed to keeping fees accessible and transparent, with support available for families who may need it.

At the heart of learning in our schools is *Magnify Sandhurst*, a system-wide approach to teaching and learning that supports every child to succeed.

Through clear teaching, strong foundations in literacy and numeracy, and highly-skilled teachers, our schools are focused on ensuring every student grows in knowledge, confidence and capability each year.

We warmly invite you to explore our schools by attending an open day or arranging a tour, and experiencing the community and learning environment for yourself.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family.

**Enrolments close
Friday 22 May 2026**

*Submit an Enrolment Enquiry or Enrol Now
via a school's website.*





Why families choose Catholic Education Sandhurst

Families choose Catholic Education Sandhurst for many reasons.

For some, it is the strong sense of community and the care shown to each child. For others, it is the confidence that comes from high-quality teaching and learning. For many, it is the combination of belonging, opportunity and values-based education close to home.

Across our 52 schools, families will find:

A place where every child is known

Children are supported as learners and as people, with strong relationships at the heart of school life.

Teaching backed by evidence

Through *Magnify Sandhurst*, our schools are strengthening literacy, numeracy and classroom practice using evidence-informed approaches to teaching and learning.

Education for the whole child

Catholic schools support academic growth while also nurturing confidence, wellbeing, faith, service and belonging.

Welcoming school communities

Catholic schools warmly welcome families from all backgrounds and faith traditions into caring and inclusive environments.

World-class learning, close to home

Families across regional and rural communities can access high-quality education in Catholic schools connected to the places where they live.

A connected system of schools

Each school is part of its local community, while also being supported by Catholic Education Sandhurst as part of a system committed to learner growth and strong leadership.



Teaching backed by evidence

At the heart of learning in our schools is *Magnify Sandhurst*, a system-wide approach to teaching and learning across Catholic Education Sandhurst.

Magnify Sandhurst supports schools to strengthen classroom practice through clear teaching, strong foundations in literacy and numeracy, calm and positive learning environments, and ongoing professional learning for teachers.

Supported by world-class partners and evidence-informed practice, *Magnify Sandhurst* is helping ensure students across our region benefit from the very best thinking in teaching and learning, close to home.

For families, that means confidence that their child is being supported by an approach designed to help every learner grow.



Start exploring

A school tour is your opportunity to go beyond the school gate and get a feel for the people, the learning environment and the community that may become part of your child's daily life.



As you visit, consider:

- How are families welcomed?
- Do students appear calm, engaged and supported?
- What does learning look like in classrooms?
- How does the school support literacy and numeracy?
- What opportunities are available beyond the classroom?
- Can you imagine your child feeling known, safe and confident here?



The right school is about more than location. It is about belonging, learning and connection.

Inside this guide, you'll find dedicated pages for Catholic schools across the Bendigo region, including open day details, school tour opportunities and key contact information.

You may wish to start with the schools closest to where you live, compare tour dates, or explore a number of communities before deciding which schools to visit.



Take your time, make notes and use this guide to help find the school community that feels right for your family.

Bookings are essential. Phone the school or visit their website to register.

Enrolments for 2027 are now open and scheduled to close Friday 22 May 2026.

Submit an Enrolment Enquiry or Enrol Now via a school's website.



Frequently asked questions

Who can enrol?

We welcome families from all backgrounds to join our community. Our schools provide a high-quality and affordable education for everyone, not just Catholic families.

Does my child need to be Catholic or baptised to attend?

No. You, your child or your family do not need to be Catholic or baptised. We welcome families of all faiths and backgrounds, however priority will be given to baptised Catholics in the case where schools are at capacity based on an enrolment priority criteria approved by the Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited Board.

Can I afford the fees?

Catholic schools remain an affordable option for most families and is surprisingly more affordable than some may realise. When you enrol your child in a Catholic school your fees are inclusive, with no hidden costs. Families with a Health Care Card are eligible for significant fee relief in our Catholic primary schools. Catholic school fees include all external costs, including camps, excursions, swimming lessons, technology and more!

Do I have to go to my nearest Catholic school?

We do not have zoning regulations for our primary schools, therefore you are able to enrol your child at any of our Catholic primary schools. We encourage you to visit our schools during open days or tours to find the best fit.

How do Catholic schools cater for Indigenous students?

Catholic schools' welcome Indigenous students and a variety of specialist educational and pastoral care strategies are available to ensure that Indigenous students feel supported and culturally respected.

What can I expect from a Catholic school?

You can expect calm, safe, and predictable classrooms with a strong academic focus. Our *Magnify Sandhurst* program enhances learning and we have a variety of programs in each of our schools to support the emotional wellbeing of students. We offer broad support services and prioritise child safety with a zero-tolerance policy for bullying.

Catholic Education Sandhurst
empowers regional young people,
their families, our staff and
communities to have *'life to the full'*

(John 10:10)



St Kilian's School BENDIGO

Choose Teamwork & Achievement



St Kilian's, founded in the early 1850s, continues its long tradition of providing quality education for Bendigo families. Our school offers a positive, community-focused environment with strong programs in literacy, numeracy and specialist subjects. With excellent pastoral care and a welcoming Catholic identity, St Kilian's supports every child to learn, grow and flourish.

School Information Night

Wednesday 30 April: 7.00pm
Multi-purpose room

School Open Week

Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May
Student led tours: 9.15am - 11.00am & 12.30pm - 1.30pm
or by appointment

Principal Learning Tour

By appointment

Foundation Interviews

Tuesday 18 August & Wednesday 19 August

Foundation Transition & Orientation Program

Thursday 19 November: Group Transition
Thursday 26 November: Group Transition
All sessions held from 9.15am - 11.00am

Orientation Day

Tuesday 8 December

St Kilian's School Bendigo
P: 03 5443 4071
Principal: Peter Teggelove

A: 2 Havelock St Bendigo 3550
W: www.skbendigo.catholic.edu.au
E: office@skbendigo.catholic.edu.au

St Peter's School BENDIGO NORTH



**Choose
Friendship
& Purpose**



St. Peter's
PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Peter's is a welcoming Catholic community that values every child within an open and diverse learning environment. We celebrate the richness of varied backgrounds and abilities, nurturing each learner's gifts. Students are supported to grow spiritually, develop resilience and confidence and approach life with optimism, respect and a genuine love of learning.

School Open Week

Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May

Information Night

Thursday 7 May: 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Principal Learning Walks

Wednesday 6 May: 9.30am or by appointment

Foundation (Prep) Transition Program Dates

Tuesday 27 October: 9.30am - 10.30am

Tuesday 10 November: 9.30am - 10.30am

Tuesday 24 November: 9.30am - 11.00am

Orientation Day

Tuesday 8 December: 12.45pm - 1.50pm

St Peter's School Bendigo North
P: 03 5443 9319
Principal: Paul Bissinella

A: Fenton St Bendigo North 3550
W: www.spbendigo.catholic.edu.au
E: admin@spbendigo.catholic.edu.au

St Liborius School EAGLEHAWK

**Choose
Curiosity
& Awe**



St Liborius is a Spirit-filled Catholic community that fosters strong connections between parish, families, staff and the wider community. Learning is grounded in the home and strengthened through a high-quality teaching environment where each child is valued, respected and nurtured. Our school offers a hopeful, child-safe setting where students feel secure, happy and able to flourish.

Principal Learning Tours

Learning Tours are conducted in small groups, including a short meeting with our Leadership Team and tours of the learning areas and facilities.

Wednesday 22 April: 9.15am & 4.00pm

Tuesday 28 April: 9.15am & 4.00pm

Thursday 30 April: 9.15am & 12.00pm

Monday 4 May: 9.15am & 12.00pm

Wednesday 6 May: 9.15am & 4.00pm

Please phone or email the office to book. Other times available by appointment.

2027 Prospective Parent Q&A Session

Friday 8 May: 9.15am

Please phone or email the office to book

Orientation Day

Tuesday 8 December

St Liborius' School Eaglehawk
P: 03 5446 9172
Principal: Alannah Darmody

A: 379 Eaglehawk Rd Eaglehawk 3556
W: www.sleaglehawk.catholic.edu.au
E: admin@sleaglehawk.catholic.edu.au

St Thomas Aquinas School HUNTLY



**Choose
Confidence &
Connection**



St Thomas Aquinas is a new Catholic school in Huntly opening in 2027 for Foundation to Year 2, alongside an onsite kindergarten for three and four-year-old learners. Bendigo's newest Catholic School will provide evidence-informed practice, and a child-safe environment where young learners are encouraged to grow in confidence, curiosity and faith as they begin their educational journey.

School Information Night

Monday 27 April: 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Huntly Memorial Hall

Orientation Day

Tuesday 9 December: 9.00am - 11.30am

Foundation Orientation Program

To be confirmed

Enrolments

Open for enrolments in Foundation - Grade 2
via the school website

St Thomas Aquinas School Huntly
P: 03 5443 2377
Principal: Paul Wilkinson

A: 78 Pasley St Huntly 3551
W: www.sthuntly.catholic.edu.au
E: principal@sthuntly.catholic.edu.au

St Monica's School KANGAROO FLAT



Choose Courage & Compassion



St Monica's Primary School has provided a rich, inclusive Catholic education for over 100 years.

With a strong focus on wellbeing and academic growth, the school uses evidence-based teaching from the early years to support every learner. Guided by a shared commitment to excellence, St Monica's ensures every child is known, valued and supported in a faith-filled, future-focused learning environment.

School Information Night

Wednesday 6 May: 6.00pm

School Open Week

Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May

School Tours

Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May

Daily 9.30am & 11.45am or by appointment

Foundation Transition Dates

Tuesday 17 November

Tuesday 24 November

Tuesday 1 December

All sessions held from 9.00am - 10.30am

St Monica's School Kangaroo Flat

P: 03 5447 7832

Principal: Matt Knight

A: 91 High St Kangaroo Flat 3555

W: www.smkangarooflat.catholic.edu.au

E: office@smkangarooflat.catholic.edu.au

St Therese's School KENNINGTON



**Choose
Wisdom &
Imagination**



St Therese's School is a faith-filled Catholic learning community grounded in strong partnerships between families, parish and staff. Committed to excellence, our school nurtures students to grow as people of faith, integrity and hope. With spirituality and wellbeing at its heart, St Therese's fosters confidence, wisdom and a love of learning, creating a strong sense of belonging and purpose for every child and family.

School Information Night

Monday 27 April: 7.00pm

Principal/Student Led Tours

Tuesday 28 April: 9.15am

Thursday 30 April: 9.15am

Monday 4 May: 5.00pm

Thursday 7 May: 9.15am

Tuesday 12 May: 5.00pm

Foundation Transition Program Dates

Friday 13 November

Friday 27 November

Tuesday 8 December

All sessions from 9.00am - 10.30am

St Therese's School Kennington
P: 03 5443 3200
Principal: Petra Teggelove

A: Albion St Kennington 3550
W: www.stkennington.catholic.edu.au
E: admin@stkennington.catholic.edu.au

St Joseph's School QUARRY HILL

Choose Friendship & Purpose



ST JOSEPH'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
QUARRY HILL

Building Communities of Faith

St Joseph's School in Quarry Hill, Bendigo, provides exemplary, faith-filled learning where every child is recognised as capable of growth. Educators are committed to inclusive, accessible teaching and a positive learning culture. Guided by the Science of Learning and evidence-based practice, the school ensures contemporary, relevant education that supports every learner to progress with confidence into the future.

School Information Night

Tuesday 5 May: 7.00pm
Arts Centre

School Open Week

Monday 4 to Friday 8 May
Student-led tours: 9.15am - 11.00am & 12.30pm - 1.30pm
or by appointment

Principal Tour

By appointment

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

Tuesday 24 November
Wednesday 25 November
All sessions from 9.00am - 10.30am

Orientation Day

Tuesday 8 December: 9.00am - 10:45am

St Joseph's School Quarry Hill
P: 03 5443 2108
Principal: Julie Cornwall

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W: www.sjquarryhill.catholic.edu.au
E: office@sjquarryhill.catholic.edu.au

St Francis of the Fields STRATHFIELDSAYE



**Choose
Strength
& Kindness**



St Francis of the Fields School is a welcoming Catholic learning community committed to excellence through strong partnerships with families. Grounded in respect and shared purpose, the school nurtures confident, faith-filled learners who respect themselves, others and the environment. Students are encouraged to communicate effectively, engage actively in society and develop the curiosity, independence and passion needed to become skilled lifelong learners prepared for the future.

School Open Week/Student Led Tours

Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May

All sessions held between 9.00am - 3.00pm

Check the school website for further details.

Principal Learning Tour

Monday 23 March: 5.00pm (Meet at the office)

Tuesday 24 March: 9.30am (Meet at the office)

Wednesday 25 March: 12.30pm (Meet at the office)

Prep Orientation Program Dates

To be confirmed

Orientation Day & Foundation Parent Information Session

Tuesday 8 December: 11.45am

St Francis of the Fields School Strathfieldsaye

P: 03 5439 3191

Principal: Tim Moloney

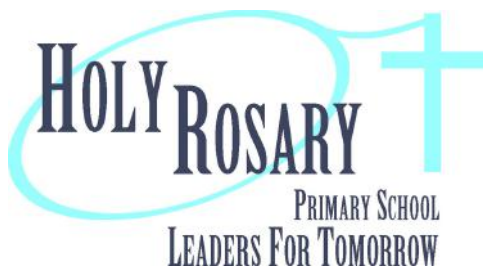
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Holy Rosary School **WHITE HILLS**

**Choose
Knowledge
& Creativity**



Holy Rosary is a welcoming Catholic community where every child is known, valued and supported to grow with confidence. Through engaging, evidence-informed learning and strong pastoral care, students develop academically, socially and spiritually. With a commitment to child safety and inclusion, our school provides a nurturing environment where children feel secure, connected and ready to flourish.

School Information Night

Tuesday 28 April: 6.30pm
The Rosarium

School Open Week

Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May

Principal/Student Led Tours

Wednesday 29 April to Friday 8 May
9.30am - 10.30am daily

Principal Led Tour

By appointment - Limits apply

Foundation Transition & Parent Information Sessions

To be confirmed

Orientation Day

Tuesday 8 December

Holy Rosary School White Hills
P: 03 5448 4280
Principal: Vincent Ryan

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Part of a community that knows no
bounds You will laugh, and play in
the most beautiful grounds

