

Media Statement

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Transitioning to Years 7 to 12 at Catholic secondary schools across Newcastle

Following feedback and consultation, recommendations have been released formalising the detail of Newcastle secondary schools transitioning Years 7 to 12.

Over the next five years, the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is renewing its approach to secondary schooling in Newcastle to ensure it best supports the educational needs and outcomes for its students now, and as we look to the future.

From 2024, Catholic secondary schools in Newcastle will commence a staged transition to Year 7 to Year 12 schools, this includes:

- St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton, currently Years 11 and 12, will commence the transition with the inclusion of Year 7 in 2024, adding a further year group each year to the full Year 7-12 complement in 2027.
- St Pius X High School, Adamstown, currently Years 7-10, commences with its first Year 11 students no later than 2025, becoming a full Year 7-12 school in 2026.
- San Clemente High School, Mayfield, currently Years 7-10, commences with its first Year 11 students in 2026, becoming a Year 7-12 school in 2027.

Mr Gerard Mowbray, Director of Schools said, "At the core of this work is the provision of the best possible educational outcomes for secondary students. The initial implementation planning and listening opportunities are now complete and we are pleased to provide staff, students and families in our school communities a new level of detail about how each of our schools will transition in the coming years."

"We remain committed to strong educational outcomes, improved student wellbeing, opportunities for staff, enhanced learning environments and accessible Catholic education," he said.

Recommendations include: infrastructure, capital works and refurbishment investments; capacity building and professional learning for staff; clarified enrolment policies and pathway schools to support a streamlined K to 12 Catholic education across Newcastle; and a comprehensive range of academic and vocational education subjects.

Mr Mowbray said, "The transitions will be resourced and supported by the appointment of various roles including school-based Transition and Student Wellbeing Coordinators. These positions will help ensure staff and students are well supported throughout the transition years."

More information is available at the CSO website: www.mn.catholic.edu.au/7to12SecondaryEducation

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