

Newcastle Catholic Secondary Schools

TRANSITIONING TO YEARS 7 TO 12



What to expect at the Listening Assembly

What is the Listening Assembly designed to do?

The Listening Assemblies, in combination with focus group discussions and opportunities for individual feedback, are designed to honour the commitment to listen closely to the needs and aspirations of each school community. They aim to engage our school communities in in-depth collaboration about the implementation process that will underpin the future of secondary education in the Newcastle region.

What will the gathering involve?

Participants will be invited to connect in small group discussions and, where appropriate, prioritise their discussion outcomes. The first Listening Assembly will focus on identifying the current strengths and future challenges and questions facing your school.

Future stages in the process will lead to an analysis of emerging processes and policies that could potentially support the changing structure of each school community and the development of the 'success criteria' that will underpin the rationale for any recommended implementation strategies that may emerge from the process.

What can I do to prepare?

This is an interactive session so consider the current strengths and future challenges and questions facing the school, so you can share your thoughts.

Consider the long-term benefits of quality, consistent and accessible secondary education for students, both now and as we look ahead into the future. We are seeking to provide:

- ▶ Strong educational outcomes
- ▶ Improved student wellbeing
- ▶ Opportunities for staff
- ▶ Enhanced learning environments
- ▶ Accessible Catholic education

Who is facilitating the Listening Assembly?

The Diocese has engaged an external adviser, Dr Dan White, former Executive Director of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Sydney.

What's next?

We understand you may not be able to attend, or you may leave the Listening Assembly with other questions.

Your written comments and questions you may have, are welcome by email to ImplementationPlanning@mn.catholic.edu.au

The diagram below illustrates some of the activities taking place in 2022 as part of the consultation phase of this work. **This is your opportunity to get involved and have your say.**

