

PROSPECTUS

PRIMARY  
PRINCIPAL

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL BEECHWORTH

ST. JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
*Classification. Primary and Sub-primary*  
REGISTERED No 672



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*We acknowledge and pay respect to the original and ongoing custodians of the land upon which our offices are situated.  
We commit to actively working alongside First Nations people for healing, reconciliation and justice.  
May we all stand tall, stand firm, grounded in truth, together as one.*



KATE FOGARTY

# A message from our Executive Director

As Executive Director, it is my privilege to invite you to consider the position of Principal within the Sandhurst Diocese.

This is more than a leadership opportunity, it is a vocation that asks you to lead with courage, serve with compassion and contribute to the growth of our Catholic school communities across Central and North East Victoria.

Catholic Education Sandhurst is built on a strong, spirit-filled culture that we actively celebrate and strengthen through our shared commitment to faith, learning and community.

Stretching from the alpine mountains to the river plains, you'll find a network of 51 schools in large regional centres like Bendigo, Shepparton, Wangaratta and Wodonga, and in smaller communities where welcome is second nature.

Our shared mission is simple and strong: *Every Student, Every Teacher, Every School, Every Day.*

At the heart of this mission is Magnify Sandhurst; our flagship learning and teaching strategy.

Through Magnify Sandhurst, we are transforming education in our schools by grounding our practice in the science of learning, strengthening behaviour and wellbeing frameworks, and investing in the professional growth of our educators. It is a bold and hopeful vision, ensuring that every child is supported to reach their potential.

We look forward to meeting a new leader who is ready to walk with us, teach with heart, lead with vision, and magnify the potential of every learner in our care.

Peace and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Fogarty', written in a cursive style.

Kate Fogarty  
Executive Director  
Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd

# Guiding Lights



At Catholic Education Sandhurst, our executive team is committed to bringing to life the organisation's strategic plan – the foundation for all we do in service of our Catholic schools and early learning centres across the Diocese.

Our Guiding Lights vision illuminates this work. It ensures we are focused on what matters most for our Catholic learning communities: nurturing every student, empowering every educator, and strengthening every school.

Our three Guiding Lights are:

## **AUTHENTICALLY SANDHURST CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Sandhurst Catholic Education is living the missionary call to respond to the needs of our young people and our world with an ongoing and Gospel infused synodal process of encounter, deep listening, discernment and courageous action. In doing so, we acknowledge that individually and collectively, we are being called by a Loving God into better versions of ourselves. We seek to live and work in synod, knowing that our journey is more life-giving as we encourage, challenge and hold each other to account for our mission that all may have 'life to the full' (John 10:10).

## **OUTSTANDING LEARNER GROWTH**

The Magnify Sandhurst project officially rolled out in the beginning of 2025. Together, the 3000 adults of our enterprise will be focused to improve the learner growth of each and every child.

Each of us has much to contribute to ensure the success of this work, and by working in concert, with common goals, common programs and common language, we're building a new way of being Sandhurst, a new way of educating young people, and a new way of ensuring that in our schools, students are always at the very centre of all that we do.

## **SOLIDARITY AND SUBSIDIARITY**

Catholic Education Sandhurst's commitment to the Common Good requires further consideration and action so that the integrity of our ecosystem of educational centres is developed and improved. In 2025, we will continue the work of ensuring that our resources are stewarded with diligence and care, utilizing the strength of the whole to support the needs of the individual.



# Magnify Sandhurst

Catholic Education Sandhurst rolled out *Magnify Sandhurst*, an evidence-informed, science of learning school improvement initiative, to its 51 Catholic schools across the Sandhurst Diocese at the beginning of 2025.

*Magnify Sandhurst* focuses on how the brain learns, how literacy is effectively taught, uses a low variance, knowledge-rich curriculum and the creation of positive classrooms. Our practice is calm, predictable, and repeatable to maximise learning time in all classrooms.

*Magnify Sandhurst* is deliberately bold and wide-ranging, generating whole-of-system improvement.

We have partnered with world-class organisations including LME Global, Ochre Education, Knowledge Society, Steplab and MultiLit.

*Magnify Sandhurst* aims to enhance learning outcomes through several key components:

## **STRUCTURED AND EVIDENCE-BASED LEARNING**

Using the latest neuroscience and a structured, knowledge-rich curriculum, we ensure students build deep understanding.

A low-variance curriculum provides students with a consistent learning experience and reduces the amount of preparation and planning required by teachers, allowing teachers to focus on individual student needs.

## **MAGNIFYING LITERACY AND NUMERACY**

Providing targeted support and resources to improve reading, writing, and math skills at all levels. Special focus on structured literacy in F-2 and sequential programs from Years 3-10.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING FOR TEACHERS**

Each teacher receives a dedicated coach and program to learn and practice the best techniques to meet students' learning needs. We are investing in our teachers to provide the best possible learning outcomes for students in our Catholic schools.

## **CALM CLASSROOMS AND POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**

Promoting calm, supportive, and positive learning environments through common practices, expectations, and social norms, our work includes a new program for student social and behavioural learning. Our classrooms will have a consistent approach throughout each Sandhurst school to support all students to learn in a calm, orderly learning environment.



# Beechworth, Victoria

## Live, work, explore

Nestled in Victoria's spectacular High Country, Beechworth is a heritage-listed township renowned for its gold-rush history, preserved streetscapes and welcoming community.

Just 30 minutes from Wangaratta and 45 minutes from Albury-Wodonga, Beechworth offers the charm of a rural town with the convenience of nearby regional centres.

Life in Beechworth is enriched by its boutique shopping, bustling cafes and vibrant arts scene.

Families are drawn to its welcoming community, affordable lifestyle and excellent local services, while visitors from across the country come to explore its celebrated history and hospitality.

Nature lovers will find endless opportunities to connect with the outdoors, and the town's events calendar, bustling markets and award-winning restaurants make it a hub of cultural activity year-round.

Living and working in Beechworth means enjoying a lifestyle where natural beauty, heritage and community spirit combine - a place where you can live, work and lead.



# St Joseph's Primary *at a glance*

St Joseph's School Beechworth is a small, nurturing Catholic school community known for its welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

At the heart of the school is a dedicated team of educators and support staff who work in partnership with students, families and the local parish to create a safe, faith-filled learning environment where every child is known and valued.

Catholic identity is central to school life, with students encouraged to live out Gospel values in their learning and relationships. The school has a strong connection to the parish and a proud history of service to the Beechworth community, dating back to its establishment in 1857 by the Sisters of Mercy.

There are 70 children across Foundation through to Grade Six, supported by a team of teachers, education support officers and administration staff.





## Lead with purpose

The Principal of St Joseph's Primary School is entrusted with leading a vibrant Catholic school community that honours its history while embracing the future.

As Principal, you will work alongside a passionate and experienced staff, strengthen partnerships with families and parish, and continue to build on the proud 166-year legacy of Catholic education in the region.

You will play a vital role in bringing the vision of Catholic Education Sandhurst to life – working alongside a diocesan network of school leaders, supported through *Magnify Sandhurst*, our collective commitment to evidence-informed teaching, staff development and student achievement.

Whether you're an experienced Principal or an aspiring leader ready for your first principalship, this role offers the chance to make a meaningful impact in one of Victoria's most historic and welcoming towns.

Key highlights of the role:

- Be part of a community-centred school grounded in Catholic values and educational excellence.
- Live and lead in one of Victoria's most scenic historic towns, surrounded by national parks and a thriving arts and food scene
- Work alongside a dedicated staff and supportive families.
- Be part of a system-wide educational transformation through *Magnify Sandhurst*.

# APPLY

All enquiries and applications will be kept strictly confidential.

Applications close on Monday 15 September 2025. Please ensure your application includes a cover letter, resume and a document addressing the key responsibilities within the position description.

For more details and to view the position description, visit [www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au/principal-roles](http://www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au/principal-roles)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2025**