

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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Schools to hold regular and 'virtual' open days for Catholic Schools Week



With Catholic Schools Week fast approaching, local schools are making a return to regular Open Days as best they can with regard to remaining COVID-19 restrictions.

Emmaus Catholic College in Kemps Creek and Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School in St Marys are incorporating virtual elements in the way they welcome parents and showcase their campuses to prospective students and families.

Emmaus College will be holding its first 'Virtual Open Day' next week.

"During the COVID-19 restrictions, we had positive feedback from parents who enjoyed having online opportunities to connect with their child's school and teachers," Rob Nastasi, Principal at Emmaus College said.

"This is also about recognising that our families have busy schedules, including work and caring commitments."

The virtual event will take place on Tuesday, March 9, beginning at 5.30pm, allowing parents time to finish off their workday first.

The virtual aspects will include an address from Mr Nastasi, a question and answer session, opportunities for virtual tours of the school, and the ability to hear from existing College students through a prepared video

presentation.

However, virtual tours are not the only option open to local Catholic schools.

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School in St Marys will be running an open day on Wednesday, March 10, with parents allowed on site.

"We showcase the importance of the Catholic faith within our community, and also the excellence in education," Principal Michael Siciliano said on the necessity of open days.

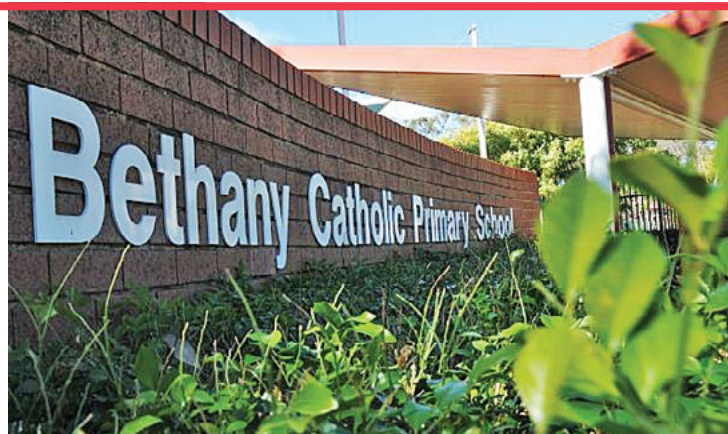
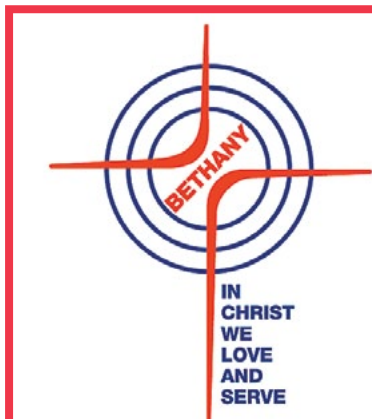
"The important thing we'd like people to know is that Catholic schools are here for all.

"Our Bishop Vincent has made it very clear to our 83 schools in the Parramatta Diocese that Catholic education is for all children, all parents who wish their children to be educated within our schools," Mr Siciliano said, referring to Bishop Vincent Long, who presides over the Parramatta diocese.

Parents visiting Our Lady of the Rosary will be able to tour the grounds with the school captains, but cannot enter classrooms.

Both schools are still offering private tours for interested parents, in case open day timings do not suit.

Catholic Schools Week will take place next week from Monday, March 8 to Friday, March 12.



Bethany Catholic Primary School OPEN DAYS

Monday 8th March 2021 at 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 9:30am-10:30am & 1:45pm-2.30pm

Please book for one of our tours at

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> Event code: 5dqha

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INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR NEW ENROLMENTS
Wednesday 10th March at 10-10.45 OR 4.30-5.15

Come along, tour the school and visit our learning spaces.
Morning tea will be provided for parents and pre-schoolers.

RSVP by Tuesday 9th March, 2021
Julie Irvine on 4777 7200
or email jirvine@parra.catholic.edu.au

If you are unable to make these dates please contact the school office for an alternative time

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Penola Catholic College Emu Plains is a co-educational college Years 7-12 providing high quality education for students of the Greater Penrith and Blue Mountains area. The newly transformed college is named in the spirit of Australia's first saint Mary MacKillop and her first school in Penola South Australia. The College learning and wellbeing programs focus on building the key values of courage, compassion, integrity and hope in all aspects of school life. We are also part of the prestigious P-TECH program that allows students to work in close partnership with Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC), Telstra and IBM. The students have the opportunity to develop skills in design thinking, problem solving and critical thinking in application to cyber security, robotics, artificial intelligence and communication capabilities. Students work with our partners both as mentors on school sites, virtually and off-site. Students have developed strong employment capabilities and credentials that will assist their resume and post school options. This model of learning and powerful partnership is contemporary and allows students to be exposed to cutting edge technology and design thinking processes.

Learning at Penola is dynamic and aims to build student confidence to learn through inquiry developing skills to be both an independent and collaborative learner. Our staff are highly professional and experienced in the most effective ways to engage and empower students to learn and develop their capabilities.

The contemporary Learning Spaces are open, light filled and inspire innovative and creative learning experiences. The college has several spaces that enable students to learn by collaborating with peers and developing independent learning skills. The MacKillop Learning Centre, Junior and Senior Learning Hubs all promote contemporary learning skills essential for future employment. Our engaging and rigorous Learning Framework starting in Year 7, enables our students to work in close partnership with teachers and build their learning capabilities and self confidence. Stage 5 and 6 students learn to be independent and self-motivated in their learning achieving success.

Our 2020 HSC results were absolutely outstanding, making us the premier college for HSC success in the Greater Penrith and Blue Mountains region. The college supports students in their HSC learning pathway by ensuring each student has a HSC Learning Coach to guide and mentor students throughout the challenging HSC journey allowing them to be successful in achieving their HSC goals enabling them to secure a University placement or securing work placements. At Penola we have high expectations, believe in our students and support each student with a HSC Learning Coach to achieve their absolute best enabling them to flourish in the career choices post school.

In 2021 our students commenced wearing the new Penola uniform proudly which reflects the modern and contemporary needs of our learning community. Our Year 7-10 students will be participating in a Careers' program through BECOME education where they will be exploring personal and career goals throughout the year as part of a holistic approach to learning and student wellbeing.

As Principal Leader of this fine college, I am extremely proud of the high quality learning environment that is delivered, the focus of building positive relationships and wellbeing, the development of core values that empower students to be responsible and respectful global citizens.

Enrolment growth has been strong over recent years and we encourage interested students to apply now for the 2022 and 2023 intake as there are limited places for 180 students. Our constant focus on school improvement and student focused learning, has made us the school of choice for students seeking excellence in education. Come to Penola where our mantra is Believe, Achieve, Succeed for ALL students.



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2022 & 2023
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9 March 2021
Open Night
5-8pm

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