



MEDIA RELEASE

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Scots All Saints College celebrates Education Week

*Community invited to Open Days and Information Nights
to learn more about the new College*

Education in regional NSW has been strengthened, following the integration of two leading schools in Bathurst, The Scots School and All Saints' College, to create a new combined school of excellence, to be known as Scots All Saints College.

Following months of community consultation and feedback, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in NSW met on 12 July 2018 to make decisions on the constitution, school board and the new name for the school.

Headmaster of Scots All Saints College, Mr David Gates said as activities at both schools continue at a steady pace throughout 2018, there is good momentum in the integration process to ensure the new College is ready to welcome all students in 2019.

"The theme of Education Week 2018, *Today's School – Creating Tomorrow's World*, reflects the exciting reality of two outstanding independent schools in Bathurst coming together to provide a stronger and innovative educational offering for the current and future needs of all students. The new school aims to preserve the best of two very successful schools and build on them for the current and future needs of all students," Mr Gates said.

"Scots All Saints College aims to become the regional school of choice with unrivalled space, learning opportunities and specialist facilities across three campuses in the Central West at Bathurst and Lithgow, to inspire all students to reach their full potential," he said.

Scots All Saints College is a Co-educational Day and Boarding School for all students from Pre-Kindergarten through to Year 12 representing an opportunity for excellence and innovation where individual students can embrace an educational journey that encompasses physically, socially and emotionally supported learning to develop the whole person.

"The outstanding learning environments, calibre and caring nature of the teaching staff will offer exceptional co-curricular programs and teaching excellence for all students from Pre-Kindergarten through to Year 12, including a unique Middle School for students in Years 5 – 8 to give them an edge on others in preparation for Senior School," Mr Gates continued.

Head of All Saints Campus and Director of the Middle School, Mr Chris Jackman said the new Middle School will be a key alternative in education across the region targeted to adolescent learners at a critical time of development.

"In recognition of students from Years 5 – 8 being full of energy and enthusiasm, at a time when they are learning about who they are, what they can do and where they fit in the world,

a new and stimulating Middle School program has emerged to give these students an edge before they reach Senior School,” Mr Jackman said.

“The Middle School provides a stimulating and rigorous academic program, including intensive learning through project-based units of work. The vision encourages outstanding citizens through the quality of its pastoral care, academic program and broad range of opportunities in education. It presents an exciting phase in every child’s learning.”

Scots All Saints College will operate across the three existing Campuses within Bathurst and Lithgow to maximise the outstanding educational facilities and expansive grounds currently available to students at the two schools. All Saints Campus will educate students in the Junior and Middle Schools with students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 8. The Scots Campus will be the Senior School (Years 9-12), accommodate all the boarders and also provide an outstanding Pre-Kindergarten program on the eastern side of Bathurst. The Lithgow Campus will continue to provide an outstanding Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6 option for students in the Lithgow region.

The Senior Executive team and new School Board have been appointed. The school leaders provide impressive expertise and extensive experience. They will lead talented staff into exciting and innovative educational opportunities for students. The appointments include: Ms Tracey Leaf as Head of Scots Campus and Director of Senior School, Mr Chris Jackman as Head of All Saints Campus and Director of Middle School, Mr Greg Jones as Head of Academic Excellence and Compliance across the whole school, and Mr Anthony Roohan as Director of Junior School. Further leadership appointments will be made in Term 3.

Mr Gates said current students are already enjoying the benefits of being stronger together.

“Year 11 students have been successfully studying subjects together since Term 1. This has allowed greater choice and flexibility in subject offerings and has allowed the students to form new friendships as they have worked closely together in the classroom. Socially, students are collaborating at events such as, The Big Night Out, recent Music and Science excursions and the ski trip to Thredbo. Junior School students have had various interactive sessions to get to know one another. We anticipate all sporting teams to be playing together as Scots All Saints College for the upcoming summer sports season from Term 4,” he said.

The new College will be one of the largest co-educational boarding schools in NSW catering to up to 200 students. A major upgrade of boarding facilities is in progress and plans are in place for an upgrade of specialist learning spaces in preparation for full integration in 2019. Scots All Saints College will offer expanded elective subject options, so students can embrace an educational journey that is enriching and challenging through their academic studies. Scots All Saints College will continue to offer the outstanding broader programs, which provide holistic education in a caring and nurturing environment.

A celebration to officially welcome the new school is being planned as part of the annual Spring Fair on 9 September on the All Saints Campus with parents, students, teachers and the community invited to celebrate the strong heritage and culture of two schools which will come together with a new uniform, crest and vision for the school.

There has been strong interest from families enquiring about the new school. Interested families are invited to come along to an information night to hear about the opportunities offered at the new College. For more information, please contact Mrs Lynda Ireland on 6331 2766 or email Lynda at lireland@scots.nsw.edu.au

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