

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **2019 welcomes new School for NSW Central West**

**As Australia and the world recently welcomed the New Year, the countdown begins as regional NSW prepares to welcome a new College of excellence in Bathurst and Lithgow – Scots All Saints College.**

After more than 12 months of preparation, in just 25 days with the start of the new school year, the merger of two outstanding co-educational boarding and day schools, The Scots School and All Saints' College will be complete, welcoming its first families and foundation students for a new era in regional education as Scots All Saints College.

Headmaster, Mr David Gates said much planning has taken place behind the scenes in readiness for Day 1 of the new College with academic and administration staff working with parents, students, alumni and local suppliers in anticipation of the new College opening on Thursday, 31 January 2019.

“There is a positive buzz across all three campuses with much excitement and anticipation for Term 1 at Scots All Saints College. It is not everyday students, parents and teachers can play an active role in the development of a new College of Excellence.

“Fortunately, we are starting from a very strong foundation with culture and heritage built over more than 216 years in education combined with experienced caring teachers, specialist facilities and a welcoming school community with strong values dedicated to making our new College a success,” Mr Gates said.

“The merger has provided a unique opportunity for change, reflection and review of how we do things, what we have, the qualities and strengths we need to preserve and how we can innovate and improve to strengthen the benefits for our students,” Mr Gates said.

Projects underway to prepare for the first day as Scots All Saints College includes relocating teachers across campuses, rebranding, new signage, website development, uniform fittings, infrastructure improvements with over \$1.2 million in renovations for upgrades to technology, classrooms, boarding houses and a new Senior School library at Scots Campus featuring interactive space and quiet study rooms.

“While academic excellence and diverse co-curricular programs such as, Music, Sport, iSTEAM, Equestrian, Technology, Agriculture are priorities, an even stronger cohort of students is expected to emerge through wider College connections, greater subject choice and a focus on positive student wellbeing initiatives.

“Attention to individual students and the encouragement of students to take responsibility for their own learning through a collaborative approach lies at the heart and soul of this success,” Mr Gates said.

Enrolments and interest for Scots All Saints College continues to be strong, expected to launch with more than 750 Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 students across its three campuses in Bathurst and Lithgow.

Mr Gates said: “While students numbers continue to grow, additional classes for Years 7 to Year 12 have meant that we can maintain the small class structure and nurturing individual focus within a big space to learn, excel and to simply be.”

Families are encouraged to contact the College on 02 6331 3911 or email [info@saints.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@saints.nsw.edu.au) for further information.

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