

MEDIA RELEASE

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Investing in school leadership

Future leaders of Catholic primary and secondary schools within the Diocese of Sale recently gathered in Inverloch for a three-day workshop to build on their leadership skills.

The Diocese of Sale Leadership Program (DOSLP) is a development opportunity for Catholic school staff currently in middle leadership positions or considering leadership. Now in its second year, the program has thus far been attended by 78 budding school leaders.

Ms Maria Kirkwood, Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale, said that building leadership capability at all levels is a high priority.

“Our leadership program is a terrific opportunity for the participants to learn more about their individual leadership style, leading effective teams, and strategic school improvement, while networking with other educators.

“The leadership program is one of several development and support opportunities offered by Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd (DOSCEL), as part of our ongoing commitment to strengthen the capability of staff members in every Catholic school in our Diocese,” she said

The Diocese of Sale Leadership Program consists of two face-to-face intensives, each run over three days, and supported school-based practice throughout the year. Participants work with a school leadership consultant from Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd and their principal, to develop and apply their skills.

“The early outcomes we’re seeing from the program are very encouraging, and I look forward to supporting the participants in their leadership journeys,” Ms Kirkwood said.

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About DOSCEL

Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd (DOSCEL) was established in 2018 to provide strong governance and professional oversight for Catholic schools within the Diocese of Sale.

Sale was the first Catholic diocese in Victoria to move to a centralised school governance model, which relieves Parish Priests of responsibility for complex school administrative matters, and allows them more time to focus on the religious dimension of their roles.

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Sale are owned and operated by DOSCEL except for Catholic College Sale, which is co-governed by the Bishop of Sale and Marist Schools Australia, and Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon, which is governed by Marist Schools Australia.

There are over 19,000 students attending DOSCEL schools, and DOSCEL is one of the largest employers in the region, with over 2,500 staff.