

# Media Statement

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## NAME CHOSEN FOR NEWEST CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN MADORA BAY

Following confirmation by Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB, the Apostolic Administrator of the Bunbury Diocese, Catholic Education WA Executive Director Mr Wayne Bull and Foundation Principal, Ms Anita O'Donohue are delighted to announce that Western Australia's newest Catholic School, which will open in Madora Bay in 2025, will be called St Marcellin Catholic College.

The PK-12 College is named after St Marcellin Champagnat, the Patron of Education and Teachers.

St Marcellin Catholic College will open its doors to Pre-Kindergarten to Year Two in February 2025 and has already experienced significant interest in enrolments. The College will serve an area which is expecting population growth of 46% between 2021 and 2031.

Mr Bull said:

"The naming of our newest school in Madora Bay marks a significant step in the journey to welcoming new students. St Marcellin Catholic College reflects the joint ambition of CEWA, the Bishops of WA and the Foundation Principal to ground this school within the Marist tradition.

"From the founding of the first Catholic school in Western Australia in 1843, the commitment to deliver a quality, affordable, faith-based education to those who sought one has grown from strength to strength. We are delighted to be able to offer more families the choice of a Catholic education in an area of our state which is growing."

Ms O'Donohue added:

"I am excited to be able to share the name of our new school, which I hope creates a sense of anticipation and will give a feeling for the traditions on which we will form our community.

"With less than twelve months until we welcome the first cohort of students into our classrooms, work is underway to ensure St Marcellin Catholic College is ready."

St Marcellin Catholic College will be the 163<sup>rd</sup> Catholic school in WA. There are more than 80,000 students already enrolled in Catholic schools across the state.

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