

Media release

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Mossop announced as Head Contractor for Xavier College Riverlea Park build

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Adelaide: Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) is pleased to announce Mossop Construction + Interiors (Mossop) as Head Contractor for Xavier College Riverlea Park's Stage 1 build project. Following a competitive tender process Mossop has been appointed, with construction now underway on the new campus, marking a significant milestone for the project.

At a breaking ground ceremony held on the site of the new school on 14 August, key representatives from CESA, Xavier College, and project partners gathered to celebrate and formally mark the commencement of building.

The new Xavier College campus at Riverlea Park is set to welcome its first students in 2027 and will serve the rapidly growing suburb of Riverlea Park and its neighbouring communities. Initially catering for students from Reception to Year 6, the school will progressively grow to provide a full academic pathway through to Year 12.

The \$60 million Stage 1 build of Xavier College Riverlea Park will feature a three-storey building with centralised communal spaces which flow through to dynamic learning environments and cutting-edge facilities, including dedicated science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) "Maker" spaces, multimedia studios, and a food technology centre.

Mossop has partnered with CESA on several recent projects including the delivery of Xavier College Two Wells Stages 1 through to 4 in the last five years. Stage 4, the first of the Middle and Senior School Buildings for the campus, has just been completed and is set to welcome its first students. This represents a new chapter in 2026, as Two Wells welcomes its first Year 11 cohort, with the first Year 12 students graduating in 2027, aligning with the opening of our new Riverlea Park Campus.

Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director of CESA said:

“This is a significant milestone for Xavier College Riverlea Park and a major step forward in our commitment to expand Catholic education pathways in the northern suburbs of Adelaide. We are delighted to see this project take shape. With their proven track record of school building projects, we are looking forward to working with Mossop Construction + Interiors once again.”

Mark Flaherty, Principal, Xavier College said:

“The new Riverlea Park community will share in the values and educational excellence that define Xavier College across all its campuses. We have received a high level of interest in the school following our announcement in May. We have over 180 enrolment applications which is very encouraging. Our enrolment team has started meeting with these families and we are receiving really positive feedback. It’s an exciting time for Xavier College.”

Grant Mossop, Joint Managing Director, Mossop Construction + Interiors said:

“Following our involvement at Two Wells, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to CESA and Xavier College for their invaluable partnership with Mossop Construction + Interiors. This collaboration has allowed us to be a part of their visionary projects, and we are honoured to contribute to the growth and development of such significant endeavours. Through this partnership, we have been able to bring their ambitious plans to life, and we look forward to continuing to build on this successful relationship in the future.”

Kelly and Kieran, parents of Harlow, one of Xavier College Riverlea Park’s first enrolled students said:

“As young parents, it’s such a relief to know that our daughter will have access to top quality Catholic education close to home, with teachers and a community that will nurture her passions and help her develop lifelong skills. We know that the Xavier College family is a good fit for us. Their educational values strongly align with our own.

“It will be exciting to drive past and see how the construction progresses over the coming year.”

Xavier College Riverlea Park is part of a long-term strategic plan to meet enrolment demand and extend Catholic education to fast-growing regions of South Australia.

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About CESA

Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) has 101 schools across the state, with 14 in the Diocese of Port Pirie and an additional five in rural and regional locations. It educates more than 56 300 students and employs more than 9,500 people.

The first Catholic school, located in Pirie Street, Adelaide was established in late 1844 by Bishop Francis Murphy with the vision to enable every child across the state to have access to high-quality Catholic education. 180 years on CESA remains committed to accessibility and affordability.

For more information visit: www.cesa.catholic.edu.au

About Xavier College

Xavier College has built a strong reputation in Adelaide's north in the 30 years since its opening in Gawler in 1995. In addition to the Gawler Belt Campus (Years 7-12), the co-educational College's Evanston Campus offers primary education from Reception – Year 6 and the Two Wells Campus from Reception – Year 10 (expanding to Year 12 by 2027).

Xavier College Riverlea Park will be the fourth campus for the College.

About Mossop Construction + Interiors

Mossop Construction + Interiors is a proud South Australian, family-owned and operated business with nearly 50 years of experience in the building and construction industry.

With a strong presence across metropolitan and regional South Australia—and expanding into regional Victoria—Mossop delivers high-quality projects ranging from commercial developments to specialist interior fit-outs and refurbishments.

Employing over 165 staff and working with hundreds of local subcontractors and suppliers, Mossop contributes significantly to the local economy. Mossop's commitment to quality is reflected in a broad portfolio of completed projects and long-standing client relationships.

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