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Dear Families,

A vibrant future for Catholic secondary education in Melbourne's north and west

As part of Australia's largest Catholic school system, Catholic Regional College St Albans has been resilient in its pursuit of excellence to provide high-quality Catholic education to families in the local and surrounding areas.

Over recent years, demand for Catholic education has continued to grow across Melbourne's northern and western corridors. In response, we have been working closely with our Federation partner schools and governing body MACS to strengthen the pathways available to students throughout their secondary education.

As you may be aware, earlier this year, it was announced that CRC Caroline Springs will transition to a full Years 7-12 College, offering Year 11 from 2027 and Year 12 from 2028.

This announcement was the first step of a larger transformation, and I am now delighted to share the exciting news that **Catholic Regional Colleges St Albans, North Keilor and Sydenham will come together as one school, providing a coordinated Years 7-12 educational offering across three campuses from 2028.**

Importantly, this continues to build on the strong foundations that already exist across the Federation and reflects Father O'Reilly's original vision – to respond to the evolving needs of the community and ensure young people have access to a high-quality Catholic education, now and into the future.

This next stage will provide current and future students with greater continuity throughout their education, integrated pastoral care across one school community, and a strengthened learning environment that promotes academic excellence, student wellbeing and readiness for future pathways.

The coordinated multi-campus model will also strengthen educational outcomes through greater collaboration across campuses, specialised teaching expertise, and the sharing of resources and best practice, enabling students to access a richer and more diverse learning experience.

Working in partnership with our community

Over the coming months, we will work closely together to plan the transition and share further details about the timeline and what this will mean for current and future students. In the meantime, and throughout 2027, our school will continue to operate as usual.

We will also work to ensure that the current culture and support for our families, including through a reduced fee structure, continues to be available into the future.

'Love one another as I have loved you'

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I look forward to continuing to work with you and your children across the remainder of this year as we prepare this exciting next chapter for our College.

In celebrating the achievements of CRC St Albans and the Federation, we acknowledge the significant opportunity to come together in this way through the creation of a strong educational environment for our beloved school communities.

If you require further information or have any questions, please contact College Principal Christina Utri at principal@crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au

We thank you for your support and commitment to Catholic education in our local community.

Yours sincerely,

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