



## COMMUNITY UPDATE #1 2022 – EVANSTON AMALGAMATION

To the Community of St Brigid's Catholic School

Welcome back to the 2022 school year.

The South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) in November 2021 approved the amalgamation of St Brigid's Catholic School with Xavier College to form Xavier College R-12 from the start of the 2023 school year.

In 2022 work is continuing on the preparations for the amalgamation. This will provide a seamless pathway from Primary to Secondary Education and unique educational opportunities, spanning early years, primary and secondary education.

This communication offers an update on several areas that have been approved by the Xavier College Amalgamation Steering Committee.

### St Brigid's Leadership

Mr Gennaro Mannella has been appointed as Acting Principal at St Brigid's School, Evanston for Term 1 and 2, 2022 and Mr Daniel Hickey, who was previously a House Director at Xavier College Gawler Belt, has been appointed as Assistant Principal, Teaching, Learning and Wellbeing for the same period.

### Implementation Team

The Implementation Team has established two workgroups to assist them in their work throughout 2022, an Education and a Community Workgroup.

The **Education Workgroup** will work on fulfilling the Education Plan and ensure both primary campuses are aligned to contemporary teaching pedagogy and learning. The outcomes of this group will ensure that the 'continuity of the high-quality education program' parents have come to expect from our Catholic schools is continued.

The Reception to Year 12 Plan for the College will be centred on enhancing Catholic Identity and improving student learning and wellbeing through a unified and collaborative approach across all campuses; Xavier College Two Wells, Gawler Belt and Evanston.

### Celebration Event

The **Community Workgroup** will consider community life and what whole school celebrations should occur

Currently discussions are underway regarding the hosting a 'significant event' (subject to COVID-19 restrictions) in the latter part of the year to commemorate the past and welcome the move to the new entity. The intent would be to both honour the contribution that St Brigid's Catholic School has made to the community of Gawler and introduce the new Campus of Xavier College Evanston.



## Enrolments 2023 and beyond

Enquiries for students wishing to enrol at Xavier College from 2023 can contact the College via the Xavier College website <https://www.xavier.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-enquiry-form>. The College Registrar will then contact families to organise completion of the essential documentation, arrange for interviews and organise payment of the Application Fee. Please note that Xavier College enrolments for Year 7 in 2024 close 31 May 2022 for students currently in Year 5.

The Implementation Team and Steering Committees will work through the following areas: Finance, Fees, Uniform, Branding, Religious Identity, Information Technology and Governance to ensure the smooth transition to the new College for our families.

We will keep you informed on significant milestones that occur as the project progresses.

As we look towards St Brigid's Catholic School Evanston becoming a Campus of Xavier College from the 2023 school year, please forward any questions, suggestions or feedback regarding the project via email to [xcevanstonproject@xavier.catholic.edu.au](mailto:xcevanstonproject@xavier.catholic.edu.au)

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