



Staff from Swan Hill Catholic Schools, St Mary's Primary School and St Mary Mackillop College joined together for Mass on Tuesday, January 31 to begin the school year. Staff were welcomed back for 2017 and a gathering afterwards ensured a great start to the year. Principals Michelle Haeusler (St Mary Mackillop College) and Greg Lane (St Mary's Primary School) are pictured right.



### ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SWAN HILL

As partners in Catholic Education and with Jesus Christ as our inspiration, we educate, nurture and challenge, each child in our care, to shine in an ever changing world.

#### Foundation Pillars

##### We believe in:

- Our Catholic faith, traditions and beliefs
- Teacher accountable learning
- Teaching for deep understanding through explicit instruction
- Strong relationships built on respect and trust
- A commitment to cultural diversity and for our environment

##### Givens for every learning environment:

- Excellent communication
- High expectations and excellent classroom practice
- Purposeful assessment leading to improved learning outcomes
- Well resourced curriculum, grounds and buildings
- Committed, professional and collaborative staff
- A safe, welcoming and supportive learning environment

##### Students need:

##### Imperatives of student engagement:

- Teachers who care for them
- Friends at school
- Challenging work that caters for individual learning needs
- To feel safe, valued and respected

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### ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE

RESPECT: "REMEMBER WE ARE BUT TRAVELLERS HERE" (1873)

St Mary MacKillop College is a Catholic Co-Educational Years 7-12 School. It is an educating community with Jesus Christ as our inspiration.

#### Our Mission is to:

- Celebrate our Catholic identity.
- Work with our families and the local, parish, diocesan and global communities.
- Share in the Mission of the Church.
- Provide a challenging and stimulating curriculum.
- Nurture the development of the whole person by empowering our students to make a positive contribution in the world.
- Respect the unique dignity and faith of each person.
- Strive to achieve the best possible outcome for each individual student.

#### Our Priorities are to:

- Promote our Catholic identity.
- Build positive relationships between Catholic education communities and the wider community.
- Provide students with a comprehensive education through quality teaching and learning programs.
- To unify our school community through our Christian values.

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