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Re Naming of the new Catholic Primary School in Lucas.

Following the process of consultation with the Cathedral Parish and an open Community Consultation event, Fr Justin Driscoll as school governing authority and Mrs Jo Brewer as principal have recommended that the name of the new Catholic Primary School to be opened for the 2017 school year in the Ballarat West suburb of Lucas be **Siena Catholic Primary School**.

I am delighted to endorse this recommendation.

Siena will take its inspiration from St Catherine of Siena, a Doctor of Church from the Dominican tradition. St Catherine of Siena's writings survive and are known as the Dialogues, which inspires our new School to be a dialogue school in the Catholic tradition, in partnership with children, parents, families, the parish and broader community.

One of the many sayings of St Catherine of Siena which will inspire this new school is

"be who God wants you to be and you will set the world on fire."

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop of Ballarat



SIENA



Catholic Primary School

OPENING in 2017!!

What's in a name?

The new Catholic school to be built in Lucas now has a name – Siena Catholic Primary School. The name was chosen in consultation with the parish and school community.

A shortlist of three names emerged after our community meeting – St. Luke's, Siena and Sophia. After consultation with the Bishop and the Director of Catholic Education, the decision was made to use Siena. The name Siena met all the criteria listed as our guide to selection.

The name Siena was suggested to honour St. Catherine of Siena, who was born in 1347. St Catherine of Siena is a Doctor of the Church, and a strong woman who encouraged people to grow in their relationship with Christ and the Church.

St. Catherine of Siena demonstrated her commitment to the growth of others through her understanding of their needs, through mentoring and fostering the talents of others, and through nurturing and empowering those in her care. As such, she provides us with an outstanding role model as we seek to develop a faith based, educational community in the suburb of Lucas.

St. Catherine of Siena wrote:

"Do not be satisfied with little things, for God expects big ones."

Our challenge is to ensure that Siena Catholic Primary School lives up to these expectations of excellence.

The name, Siena, is also the source of the colour names given to the ochres which occurred naturally in this part of Italy. In our community consultation on uniform colours, orange and gold polled strongly and so they will probably form the basis of our colour scheme. Thus, our new name, Siena, will also be reflected in the colour scheme we use. Providentially, these are also the colours used by the Wadawurrung people so we will be honouring our First People and St. Catherine of Siena in our chosen colours.

I look forward to sharing our exciting journey with you.

Jo Brewer

Principal

Siena Catholic Primary School, Lucas

