



## TECHNOLOGY



**Capturing the joy in the mystery of the created Universe.**

The provision of education across the Catholic sector has been made more effective and efficient in recent years following the implementation of the Catholic education sector's statewide telecommunications network that uses a combination of high speed broadband and satellite internet connections for the dissemination of information and teacher/teaching resources.

All schools are connected to the network that is known as CathEdNet.

## STRUCTURE



**Developing a hunger for the learning adventure.**

Geographically, the distance between Western Australia's northernmost and southernmost schools is approximately 3500 kilometres. Coincidentally, both schools are named St Joseph's.

Given the size of the area in which Catholic education is provided, the sector is divided into the four regions or dioceses of:

- ▶ Perth Archdiocese
- ▶ Bunbury Diocese – administering the southwest of the State
- ▶ Geraldton Diocese – administering the midwest and Pilbara areas of the State
- ▶ Broome Diocese – administering the northwest of the State. ▲

## STRUCTURE



For the majority of educators working in the Broome Diocese, the remoteness of many of the schools presents a unique challenge.

More than half of the region's 13 schools are classified as 'remote' and at times are only accessible by plane. As such, the school forms an integral part of the local Aboriginal community in which it is located.



St Joseph's School  
Wynham



St Joseph's College  
Albany

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# CATHOLIC EDUCATION

## in Western Australia



**We in Catholic education seek to create environments that enhance learning, nurture young people and empower them to live the Catholic faith in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.**





### CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The origins of Catholic education in Western Australia date back to 1843 when the first group of 30 students attended classes in the local church under the guidance of pioneering European priest, Fr John Brady.

Today, Catholic education in Western Australia seeks to provide a holistic Catholic education for the 67,000 students who attend the 158 schools that are located across the length and breadth of the State.

The Western Australian Catholic education sector is the only Catholic sector nationally to operate under the one statewide Mandate from the Bishops of the State. The Mandate is the Bishops' vision for Catholic education in the new millennium aimed at fostering the continuous development and improvement of Catholic schools and benefiting all Catholic school-aged children.



**Walking together in a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness.**



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN FOCUS

Catholic schools are focused on the development of students as self directed individuals, capable of free choice and of making value judgements enlightened by an informed Christian conscience. As such, they have a shared commitment to the dignity of the individual and the common good of society.

Catholic schools also have a proud reputation of providing education to overseas students. Currently approximately 30 schools, both primary and secondary, cater to the needs of overseas students.

Students experience their Catholic schools as an extension of their home. In this way, school communities support parents in their educational responsibilities.

Parental involvement is integral to the ongoing development of Catholic education and, in every school, parents have the opportunity to join the Board of Management that provides advice to school principals and staff and is responsible for the financial management and future planning of the school.



**Challenging each other to seek truth and justice for all, especially the most vulnerable.**



### FUNDING FOR GROWTH

Western Australia's Catholic education sector operates on a total annual budget of approximately \$500 million. Approximately 50% of this funding is provided by the Australian Government, 25% is State Government funding and 25% is generated from the collection of school fees.

Across the sector's 158 schools, some 7100 staff are employed on a full-time and part-time basis to provide the ever-growing student population with a vast range of educational opportunities.

Over the 10 years 1995 to 2005, the number of students enrolled at Catholic schools in Western Australia has grown by approximately 22%, from 54,780 in 1995 to 66,687 in 2005.



**Embracing the diversity of the Earth and all its people.**

