# **Explore the Future** at John Paul II Catholic School





### From the Principal

It is really exciting to be a part of the John Paul II community at present. There is growth and positivity in our local community and the school itself.

Our recent growth has put us in a strong position to expand our curriculum offerings, with a stronger focus on the Arts in 2023. Thomas Merton said "Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time." This is something we want for our students at John Paul II, to explore the mystery of human experience and the flow of creativity through the Arts. We have significantly invested in our new facility that will support strong Art, Music and Drama learning outcomes.

We also want our students to excel academically, which is why we are expanding our extension and enrichment programs. Many of these opportunities will occur in our new Library space. We want the library to be the beating heart of John Paul II Catholic School.





Our other big focus for 2023 is our school lunch program. We are aiming to feed our students nutritious and delicious meals every day for a small cost to parents. We believe this program will further strengthen our community, make our children healthier and improve attendance and learning outcomes. It is an ambitious goal, but one we are striving to achieve.

**Brendan Gill** Principal



Having our own space will allow us to make use of instruments and resources in more fruitful and dedicated ways than ever before.

Hannah Krishnan Music Teacher



## 2023 and Beyond

#### School Hall -A Multi-Purpose Activity Centre

The introduction of this space will provide students with a place to play and connect before and during the school day. It will also provide a new space for before and after school care.

#### Specialist Art Space

A new modern building with ample light and large windows boasting:

- A dedicated storeroom which will allow students to prepare and store artwork
- Easy access to sinks for prepping and cleaning up after class
- A place to showcase student artwork
- Artclub

#### New Kitchen

- Specialist staff
- Five days a week

#### Dedicated Music and Drama Spaces

- Purpose-built teaching and performing spaces
- New lighting and sound technology
- Storage space to allow for renewed investment in new instruments
- Flexible classrooms

#### A New Library -The Beating Heart of John Paul II

The new library is an exciting addition to the School and is expected to open by mid-2023. The library will feature:

- A large new teaching area
- Architecturally designed learning environments
- A vibrant reading room
- New books and resources
- A safe and nurturing area during breaks and after school
- New extension programs





The possibilities with the new space are endless ... We're excited to open it up to the community.

**Jo Boyd** Art Teacher



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