

Media Statement
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Transitioning to Years 7 to 12 at Catholic secondary schools across Newcastle

Over the next five years, the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is renewing its approach to secondary schooling in Newcastle to ensure it best supports the educational needs and outcomes for its students now, and as we look to the future.

The Trustees of the Diocese have made the decision to transition all secondary schools in Newcastle to Year 7 to Year 12. The transition will occur in a staged and planned way.

The Director of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, Gerard Mowbray said, “The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is committed to continually building on our schools’ strong foundations. Students’ learning outcomes and wellbeing have been at the core of this decision making. In addition, we believe that delivering fully integrated education opportunities will lead to many other benefits including enhanced learning environments and opportunities for staff.”

From 2024, Catholic secondary schools in Newcastle will commence a staged transition to Year 7 to Year 12 schools, this includes:

- San Clemente High School, Mayfield – with the inclusion of Years 11 and 12
- St Francis Xavier’s College, Hamilton – with the inclusion of Years 7, 8, 9 and 10
- St Pius X High School, Adamstown – with the inclusion of Years 11 and 12

The transition of schools to a full Year 7 to Year 12 complement is expected to be completed no later than 2027.

Staff, students, families and the wider community are invited to collaborate on the implementation plan to meet the unique needs of each school. Each school will have dedicated consultation activities, such as listening assemblies, focus groups or individual interviews commencing from June.

More information is available at the CSO website: www.mn.catholic.edu.au/7to12SecondaryEducation

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