

All Saints' College Review released

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle will today release findings from an independent review of All Saints' College, Maitland, to the College community.

Chief Executive Officer of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, Sean Scanlon, welcomed the release of the findings.

"2022 will be a year of transition, during which detailed planning will be finalised, but the release of the review is a significant step. "

Mr Scanlon, a former student of St Peter's High School in Maitland, said that Diocesan leadership had accepted recommendations that will ensure the historically significant school can move forward as an integrated Year 7-12 College on a single campus.

"Our mission is to ensure all of our Diocesan Catholic schools are in a position to provide an outstanding faith-filled learning environment in the Catholic tradition with the best possible learning progression and educational outcomes for our students."

"Importantly, this review provides a series of impartial recommendations by education experts that take into consideration the opinions of many in the College community, combined with research into best practice in the provision of high school education," Mr Scanlon said.

"There is still work to be done, including a master planning study around situating the College on one campus and the establishment of an implementation committee, this planning will happen early next year."

Mr Scanlon is hopeful that the review will make way for a new era of education in Maitland.

"We want to ensure the College, and notably its students, are set up for success both short and long-term and to ensure that happens, one of the other key recommendations is a return to a five-day week for senior students."

The review, conducted by external expert advisers Dr Dan White and Ms Terry O'Brien, follows the 2015-16 report, *Study into the Provisions of Secondary Education for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle*. It was initially scheduled for 2022 but was brought forward at the request of school leadership, staff, the Independent Education Union (IEU) and with agreement from Diocesan leadership.

A copy of the *Summary of Findings of the Review of All Saint's College, Maitland November 2021* is available to view at www.maitlandasc.catholic.edu.au/about-us/2021-review/