

»» QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER ««

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION



CEF Teaching Scholarship recipients: Antonio Abdenmour, Chiara Camporeale, Fiona Tran, Juliana Maruncic, Michaela Zizovski, Tiana Yenco, Madison Ede, Sandra Taffa, Vicki Vorillas, Lachlan Howson, Daniella Khoury, Hayley Zappia, Jwan Alsamane, Rania Abed, Tanya Diqma, Zack Baker-Vreeken & Katarina Sikalo

WELCOME

»» The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) welcomes you to the 2024 school year and is so excited to share the work we do to create “Opportunities for All” across our 147 Sydney Catholic Schools.

Last year the CEF funded 6,151 student bursaries which makes a 11 year total of 41,944!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our contributors who made this assistance possible and support our journey in raising much needed funds to continue to sustain the foundation's bursary program.

Kathleen Badolato, Janet Freeman & Dominica Pafumi
CEF Team

This year we are delighted to welcome six new Corporate Partners:

- Bennelong Services
- Construction By Design
- Cowyn Building Group
- Higgins Coatings
- MSS Hard Services
- Smart Salary



CORPORATE PARTNERS

Thank you to all our existing partners and those that have increased their contribution this year to continue to create “Opportunities for All”

BURSARY STUDENT STORY

This term the Catholic Education Foundation assisted a father who was left to raise seven children when mum passed away from cancer in 2023. As dad is now the sole carer of his seven children, he has had to leave work and become Centrelink dependent.

One son attends a public High School, another has high needs and attends a specialised school. The CEF is proudly providing a Financial Bursary to a son in Year 6, a daughter in Year 3 and triplets who have been enrolled into Kindergarten in 2025.

In addition to the Financial Bursary support, dad has been struggling to provide food for all his children. Last year the parent community cooked meals for him to collect every afternoon to take home as the Primary school students were arriving at school hungry. The school and Parish also supplied them with breakfast and lunch at a cost of \$50.00 per week which has now become unsustainable. The CEF has been in contact with our Corporate Partners and they will ensure this support can continue in 2024.

EVENTS

>>> ANNUAL APPEAL SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT WINNERS

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) invites all 147 Sydney Catholic Schools to show their support for the work of the Foundation and participate in an annual fundraiser.

A huge congratulations and acknowledgement of thanks goes to St Andrew's Catholic Primary School, Malabar for raising \$3,500.00 to support students from their own school to receive a Catholic Education and Marist College, Kogarah for raising \$6,552.32. These two schools were the highest Primary and Secondary fundraising schools for 2023.

We also thank all other school communities for showing support of the fundraising initiative and can't wait to hear all about this year's event!

CEF team at St Andrew's Catholic Primary School, Malabar



>>> CEF TEACHING SCHOLARSHIPS WELCOME MORNING TEA

For the second year running, on Wednesday 7 February the CEF held a Welcome Morning Tea for our CEF Teaching Scholarship recipients.

This event provided an opportunity for our eight inaugural recipients to join with our 11, 2024 Teaching Scholarship recipients for morning tea, where they heard from speakers, including Jacinta Russo, Manager: Curriculum and Education, who reminded us all that “great teachers can and will change lives”.

This program offers our recipients a scholarship, casual employment at Sydney Catholic Schools as a support staff member, a spirituality retreat day and a Principal Mentor for four years to support them on their learning journey.

We are so proud to be supporting these wonderful recipients and wish them all the best as they progress in their learning journey to becoming a teacher!



Jacinta Russo: *Manager Curriculum and Innovation*. Speaker at CEF Teaching Scholarship Welcome Morning Tea

>>> INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



On Thursday 7 March, the Catholic Education Foundation invited Sydney Catholic Schools Head Office and our Corporate Partners to celebrate and acknowledge International Women's Day.

Our speakers, Janet Freeman from the City Link Mentor Program, Margaret Savage, Director: Governance and Legal and Jacqueline Frost, Sydney Catholic Schools Chief of Staff, were truly inspirational.

All women joined hands to honor our female bursary students across 147 Primary and Secondary Sydney Catholic Schools. Kathleen Badolato announced the CEF's new program, the CEF Women for Catholic Education Giving Circle, which takes us one step further in creating the opportunity for women to support female bursary students to reach their full potential within Sydney Catholic Schools.

>>> CITY LINK MENTOR PROGRAM LAUNCH

On Friday 22 March, the City Link Mentor Program held the 2024 Welcome and Launch where we had the privilege of welcoming 19 new students, with their families and 19 mentors into the program.

This event provided the opportunity for students and their families to meet with an assigned mentor, receive further information about the structure of the program, the expectations of the students who are accepted and the benefits this program provides.

We thank all our mentors for supporting this exciting and impactful program.

Margaret Savage: *Director Governance & Legal*. Speaker at International Women's Day



>>> CEF WOMEN FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION GIVING CIRCLE

The CEF launches our new program, the CEF Women for Catholic Education Giving Circle!

Do you believe in the CEF's cause to support female students to be provided "Opportunities for All" and receive a Catholic education? This is a great call to action for anyone interested in supporting female students to receive an education within our Sydney Catholic Schools!

- **Meaningful Impact:** You'll be contributing to breaking down barriers to a quality education for all students in Sydney Catholic Schools, particularly girls facing financial, cultural, or social hardship.
- **Like-minded Connections:** Join this network with people who share your passion for philanthropy.
- **Community & Fun:** Build relationships and enjoy social events with a purpose.

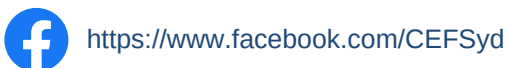
How does the Giving Circle work?

- **Pooling Donations:** Individual contributions combine to create a larger impact.
- **Minimum Donation:** \$1,000 annually
- **Collective Decision-Making:** Members vote on which bursary students to fund.
- **Ongoing Engagement:** Networking and building relationships with other women who have the same core values

Join the CEF Women for Catholic Education Giving Circle and make a lasting impact on the lives of students in Sydney Catholic Schools. Learn more on how to join The Giving Circle by visiting our website or making a donation

CEF ANNOUNCES A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT A FEMALE STUDENT

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The Catholic Education Foundation is committed to helping Catholic families to access a Catholic education for their children in one of our 150 primary and secondary Sydney Catholic schools.

Our Vision is that every child from a Catholic family has access to an education in a Sydney Catholic school, and no child is denied this opportunity due to genuine financial, cultural or social hardship.

Our Mission is to raise sufficient funds to sustain our school fee support program to assist Catholic families in educating their children in a Sydney Catholic school.

We would like to thank all of the Catholic Education Foundation's Corporate and Community Partners for their continued generous support of our vision and mission

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