



EDITION NINE - JANUARY 2021

Happy New Year and welcome to 2021 the year of the celebrations of 200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia. We hope this is a great year of celebrations across Australia. We continue to develop resources to assist your celebrations, please keep referring to the website:

<https://200years.catholic.edu.au>

Resources Update

Fence Banners and **Prayer Cards** will be sent to Diocesan Education Offices next week for distribution to schools, both systemic and congregational, in the Diocese. Please send these out so that schools receive them when they reopen. There are sufficient Prayer Cards for each student and staff member and one Fence Banner for each school. If those sending the Fence Banners could ask the schools to have them on display for the duration of the year.

Lapel Pins will be sent to individual Diocesan Education Offices and to individual schools as per the orders we received. These will be sent in the week beginning 25 January. Invoices will be emailed next week. Orders can still be made through the [200 years website](#).

The short **promotional video** is now available on the website. Please use this at various meetings, gatherings, launches to promote the 200 years celebration. Each state and territory should be able to identify themselves with iconic shots throughout the video. The video can be accessed [here](#).

A **3 minute video** is currently in production. The 200 years song will again be used as the backing. This video will feature many more schools and iconic shots.

The **Lyric video** will be launched prior to the National Mass. There has been a great response to the request last year for schools to film groups of students/choirs in various locations across Australia. Each person who responded to this request will be contacted individually over the next few weeks. Details for those participating are available [here](#).

A2 promotional posters have been sent to each Diocesan Education Office if you require further copies these can be ordered online via the website, or they can be printed locally using the [online version](#).

National Launch

The National Launch of the 200 years celebrations will be held at St Patrick's Primary School close to the site of the first school in the Parramatta Diocese. This launch has been planned to coincide with the first meeting of the National Catholic Education Commission on 18 February. Given the current COVID restrictions, including border closures, there is no certainty on attendance, however the launch will be live streamed. It will be a 30 minute event so hopefully this can be advertised to schools and parents through your various media and social media channels.

Local Diocesan Launches

Each Diocese will hold their individual launch in the weeks following the National Launch. We would like to advertise these events on the website. **Please send these details as soon as possible to:** kathy.campbell@ncec.catholic.edu.au

National Mass

Planning for the National Mass, on the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on 24 May 2021, is well underway and Mass resources will be sent in February. Again, we would like to advertise the time and location/s of Masses in each Dioceses.

Please send these details to Kathy as soon as possible.

Reminders

200 years website

The [200 years website](#) provides information and resources to support the celebrations throughout 2021, including:

- The National Prayer
- Suggested Activities & Events
- The National Song composed by Fr Rob Galea, including Song Lyrics and Chord Sheets

The interactive website invites contributions from those involved in Catholic education, with opportunities to add further historical and contemporary photos.

Individuals can also share their own story or reflection of their involvement in Catholic education. Please invite students, teachers, staff, parents and alumni to submit a short written story and photo or video, via the [website](#).

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Branding and templates

There are range of new branding materials and templates available in the [200 years branding folder](#). Please ensure you read the style guide and if you have any questions contact Annette Loughlin-Smith via ncecmmedia@ncec.catholic.edu.au or Jacqueline Hayes via ncec@ncec.catholic.edu.au

Celebration partners

We would like to acknowledge the support of our Principal Partners - the Australian Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund, the University of Notre Dame and the Australian Catholic University; and our Gold Partner - Catholic Church Insurance for their sponsorship and support of the 200 years celebrations. Additional partnership opportunities are available via the [website](#).

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE 200 YEARS CELEBRATIONS CONTACT:
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