



Origins

At the request of the Dominican Sisters of North Adelaide, the Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and the Holy Cross Congregation of Dominican Sisters, **Dominican Education Australia** was established by the Catholic Church on 28 January 2015.



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

Dominican Education Australia has oversight of the seven schools/centre that were previously the responsibility of the three congregations. The entities are: Siena College, (Melbourne), Santa Sabina College, St Lucy's School and the Catherine Sullivan Centre (Sydney) and Cabra Dominican College, St Mary's College and St Dominic's Priory College, (Adelaide).



How will it work?

The Trustees of **Dominican Education Australia**, in collaboration with each of the incorporated College/School Boards, will ensure the schools' catholicity, fidelity to the Dominican charism, formation of Board members, excellence in teaching and learning and financial stability.

The Congregational Leaders (or their representatives) will be the Sponsors of **DEA** and will have oversight of the work of the Trustees. They will be responsible for appointing the Trustees, approving formation programs for the Trustees, ensuring that the sale of property complies with Canon Law, and approving the annual report prepared by the Trustees for the Holy See.

When will this happen?

Dominican Education Australia will be inaugurated in August 2016.

For further information

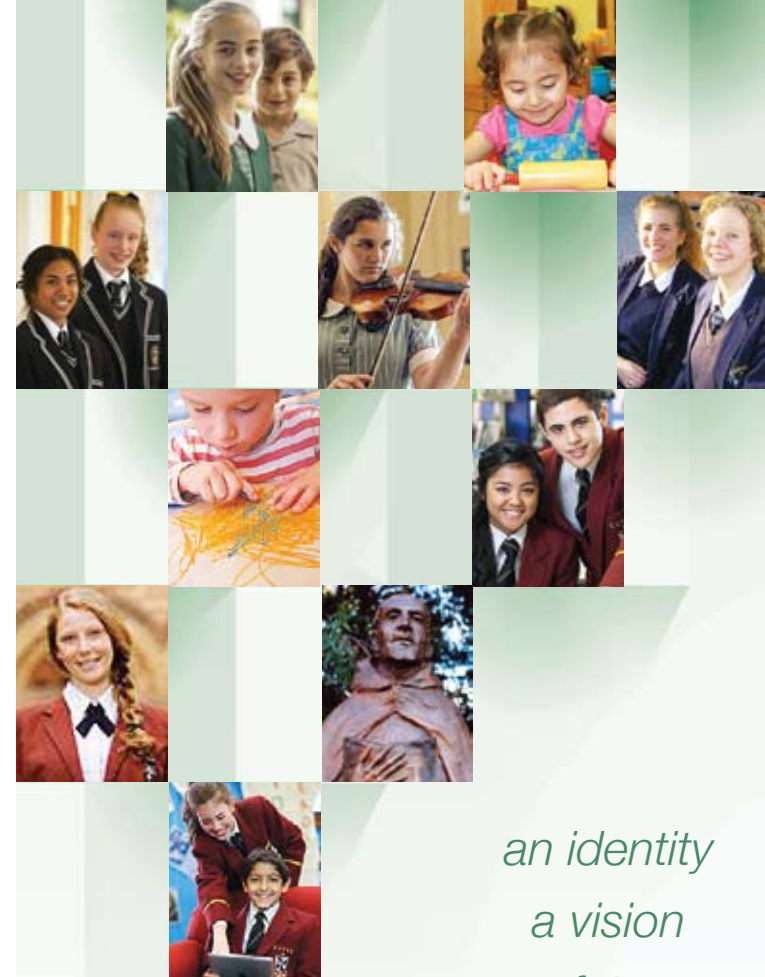
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The Dominican ideal is characterised by a commitment to truth explored in dialogue, a vibrant preaching of the Gospel, a critical appreciation of culture and cultures, and a love of the beautiful. Our goal in each of our educational ministries is to foster these values, together with a spirit of prayer and contemplation, respect for the dignity and uniqueness of each person, and the pursuit of excellence.

The seven entities that make up **Dominican Education Australia**



Cabra Dominican College

Cabra Dominican College is a Year 6–12 co-educational school located at 225 Cross Road, Cumberland Park, South Australia. Founded by the Dominican Sisters of Cabra, Dublin, who had come to Adelaide in 1868, Cabra opened in 1886. Its first Prioress was Mother M Columba Boylan OP. With its origins as a boarding school and convent the College continues to share the campus with the Holy Cross Dominican Congregation. Cabra hosts the St Mary's Unit that provides an inclusive education for approximately twenty five students with a diagnosed intellectual disability. Cabra has a staff of 115 and an enrolment of 1160 students.



Catherine Sullivan Centre

Catherine Sullivan Centre is located at 59 The Boulevard, Strathfield, NSW. It is an early learning centre for babies and young children and their families, from birth to school age, who have a hearing loss.

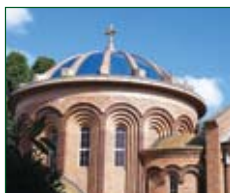
In 1875 Catherine Sullivan was the first deaf student to be taught by Sr M Gabriel Hogan OP, thus beginning the history of the provision by Dominican Sisters of education for children with impaired hearing in Australia and New Zealand – a service which continues in Strathfield, 140 years later. The Centre commenced in 1969. 30 children, ranging in age from 5 months to 5 years, are enrolled.



Santa Sabina College

Santa Sabina College is an independent P-12 school located at 90 The Boulevard Strathfield, NSW. The school was founded by the Dominican Sisters from Maitland NSW at the request

of Cardinal Moran, and opened its doors in January, 1894. The founding Prioress was Mother Mary Bertrand Walsh OP. The College has expanded to include a number of campuses. The Primary campus, Santa Maria del Monte, which opened in 1949, caters for boys P-4 and girls P-5. Mary Bailey House Early Education Centre opened in 1998 and caters for children from 6 weeks to school age. The Santa Sabina Campus caters for girls Years 6-12. An outdoor education centre, Tallong, located in the Southern Highlands, is used for education programs, retreats and leadership courses. The College has a staff of 191 and a student enrolment of 1202.



Siena College

Siena College is an independent Catholic school for girls from Years 7 to 12. It is situated at 815 Riversdale Road, Camberwell, Victoria. At the invitation of the Dominican Fathers, four Sisters from the Dominican community at Maitland NSW arrived in Melbourne

in 1926 to open a primary school in Camberwell. The first Prioress was Mother M Concepta O'Donoghue OP. Fourteen years later, on 2 February 1940, at a property across the road from their primary school, the Sisters opened Siena Convent. It would offer a secondary education for girls and began with an enrolment of 15 students. Siena College has a staff of 105 and a student enrolment of 750.



St Dominic's Priory College

St Dominic's Priory College is a Reception to Year 12 girls' school, located at 119–139 Molesworth Street, North Adelaide. The founding Congregation was a group of Dominican Sisters from Stone in Staffordshire, England, who had been approached to establish a Catholic hospital in North Adelaide. When this did not eventuate they made the decision to open a school in North Adelaide offering education for both primary and secondary students. The school opened its doors in January 1884, and has been functioning continuously since then, serving students from all parts of Adelaide. The first Prioress was Mother Rose Columba Adams OP. There are 630 students and 76 staff.



St Lucy's School

St Lucy's School is a K-6 school which caters for children with a range of disabilities. It is located at 21 Cleveland St, Wahroonga, NSW. St Lucy's School began in 1938 when the Dominican Sisters responded to a request of the Catholic Church to establish a school for children who were blind. Originally located at Homebush, in 1959 the school transferred to Wahroonga. Over the years the direction of St Lucy's has moved from the education of blind children to encompass children with a wide range of disabilities. St Lucy's main campus is at Wahroonga. There are also three satellite classes, two at St Joseph's, Narrabeen and one at St John's, Narrabeena. There are 134 students enrolled and 64 staff.



St Mary's College

St Mary's College is an R-12 girls' school located at 253 Franklin Street in the Central Business District of Adelaide. The College was founded in 1869 by seven Irish sisters from Dominican Convent, Cabra, Dublin who had been invited by Bishop Sheil to establish a secondary school for girls. The first prioress was Mother Mary Teresa Moore OP. St Mary's College was the first school in South Australia to offer education for girls. It included an institute for the deaf and a boarding and day school. While the school was intended to serve Catholic families, the pioneer sisters welcomed students of every denomination. St Mary's has a staff of 105 with a student enrolment of 825.