



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL BOWRAVILLE





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Diocese of Lismore acknowledges that it resides on the Lands of the [Bundjalung](#), [Yaegl](#), [Gumbaynggirr](#), [Dunghutti](#) and [Birpai](#) Nations.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked and cared for this land for thousands of years and their descendants who maintain these spiritual connections and traditions.

We would like to pay our respect to Elders past, present and future leaders.

We reflect on the millions of footprints that travelled the Dreaming pathways and continue to walk this land today. The Land we are on now, the land we live, work, breathe, eat and sleep: always was and always will be Aboriginal Land.

May we walk alongside the custodians of this beautiful Country, Australia, as we seek Voice, Treaty and Truth.



A message from the Director of Catholic Schools

Our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lismore have a long and distinguished history. They have been pioneering influencers in our regional communities and a source of strength and comfort in times of both hardship and prosperity. Importantly, in a modern Church, they are significant contributors to the broader evangelising mission of our Bishop, Pope Francis and our Church as a whole. Christ is authentically present in our schools, and they are a visible and palpable commitment to His humility, love, and compassion. We take courage from and aspire to follow His example as we relate to our young people, and we commit ourselves to offer student-focused, Christ-centred learning opportunities for our students so that they will be provided with a range of opportunities to experience the fullness of life.

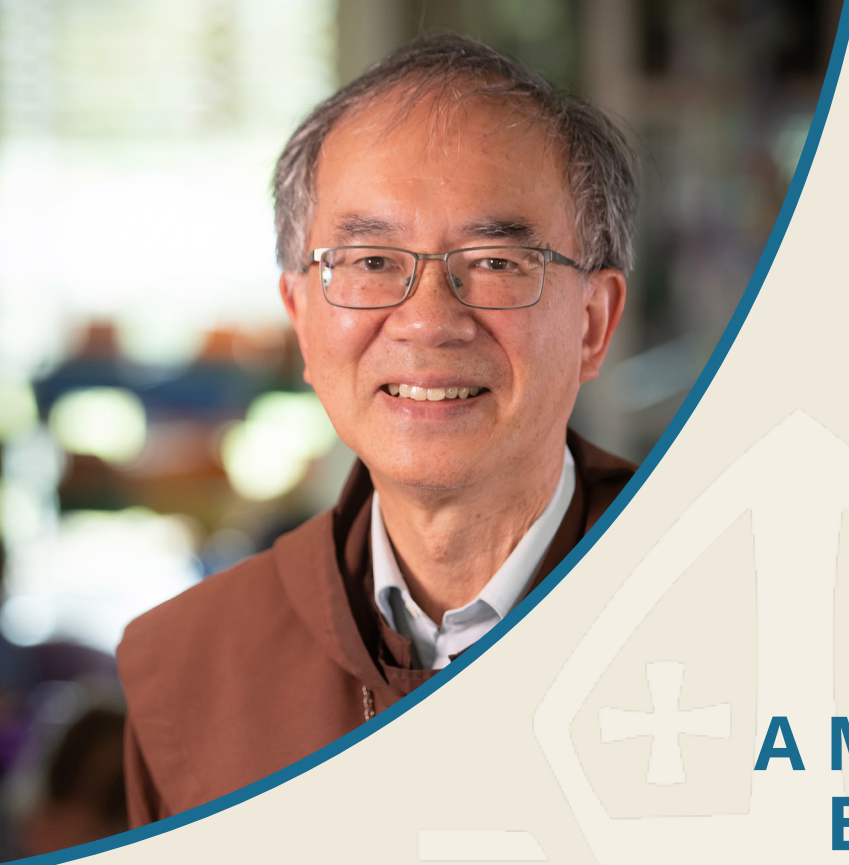
As you encounter our schools and the Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools, you will note our frequent reference to families. We recognise that families are the first and principal educators of their children. On this basis, our principals, teachers and staff work with families to support students to recognise, achieve and surpass their potential, believe in themselves and have pride in their own achievements and abilities.

Our Catholic schools foster broader areas of learning, including social and emotional development, creativity, and innovation, along with positive attitudes to learning and citizenship, all of which are critical to a student's overall success.

As Director, I am proud to welcome you and invite you to take time to explore, learn and discover more about the work of our schools. Should you require further assistance or have questions about Catholic Education in the Diocese of Lismore, please do not hesitate to call or contact any of our schools directly.

With best wishes

Mr Adam Spencer
Director of Catholic Schools (Chief Executive Officer)



A Message from the Bishop of Lismore

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lismore are committed to offering families a quality education that provides opportunities for students to come to know the depth of God's merciful love which is offered to each of us individually. Our Catholic schools seek to provide students with an education that inspires them to become good citizens within Australian society who live out their lives with a meaningful purpose, compassion for others and care for creation.

Catholic education is unique in that we hold a deep commitment to the development of the whole person. As a system of schools, we see the young person before us as a unique and irreplaceable child of God, and the enrichment of not only their intellect but also their sense of wellbeing and spirituality is our mission. We also embrace the belief that Catholic education is a ministry of love where we seek the best for each of the students in our care by leading them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Our partnership with the whole family is a vital and defining aspect of our educational mission. We recognise families as the first and foremost educators of their children and seek new and vibrant ways of working together for the good of the child.

It is my sincere hope that you will find in the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lismore a community where your child will be known, respected and cared for and one which will provide them with an education that will lead them to experience life in all its fullness.

Bishop of Lismore
Most Reverend Greg Homeming OCD



Mission and Vision

Catholic Education desires to build strong communities founded on the Good News of Jesus Christ. Living out this mission means that our schools are truly Catholic in their identity and staffed by passionate people who are intentional in their vocation regarding the holistic education of each student. We want students to experience life in abundance during their time in our school communities and when they move into the wider world.

The Catholic Schools Office supports our schools to accompany students through Jesus Christ in educational centres of excellence that foster faith, learning and wellbeing outcomes where all students are cared for, respected and valued to become active members of their community.

Inspired by the Gospel we work 'to enable each student to achieve the fullness of life' (John 10:10).

The 'Fullness of Life' Framework provides guidance towards a way of working in Catholic schools to live out and progress a series of domains. Every domain of this framework seeks to enliven academic excellence, the Catholic Leadership and Identity of the school, and the care of each student and their family.

The framework domains are:

- The Mission of Jesus Christ - Foundational Values
- Catholic Leadership
- Pastoral Care
- Learning and Teaching
- Family School and Community Partnership

The student plays a pivotal role in enlivening the 'Fullness of Life' Framework, with the focus of policies, practices, programs and decisions aimed at supporting their hopes and aspirations for a life lived well. This is why the promotion of the student, the human person, is at the centre of this framework; and recognises the innate dignity of the child and young person, their inherent goodness and their active participation in developing their gifts and talents.

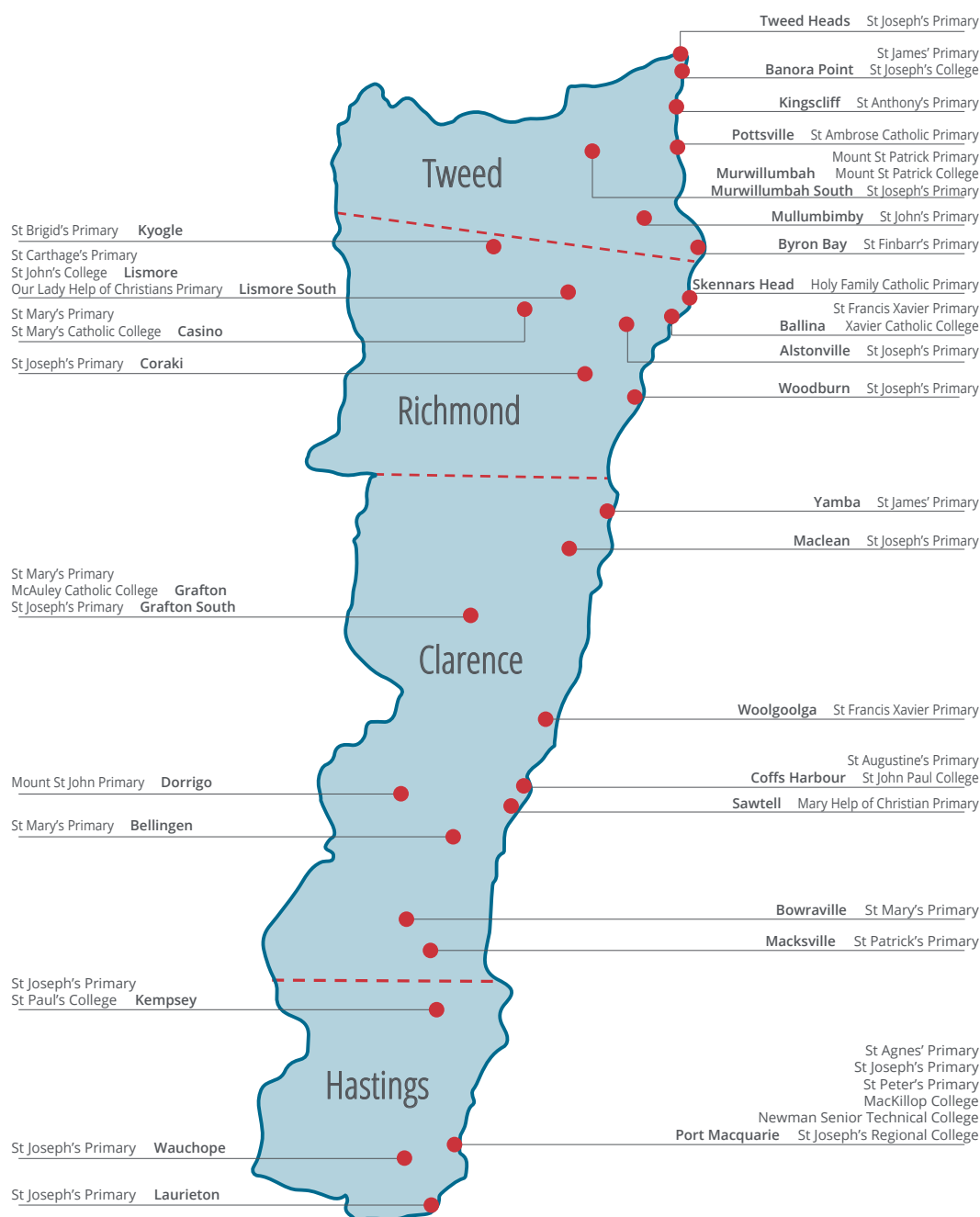


Diocese of Lismore Education Regions

The Diocese of Lismore stretches from Tweed Heads in the north to Laurieton in the South at a distance of 460km. In order to best serve the needs of our schools, students and communities, the Diocese is broken up into four Regional Service Areas: Tweed, Richmond, Clarence, and Hastings. Each Regional Service Area is supported by the regional staff in the areas of Mission, Learning, School Improvement and Performance, People and Safety and Finance and Corporate Services.

The Diocese employs approximately 3,500 staff in 45 vibrant and dynamic school communities that serve more than 18,500 students. Our schools provide faith-filled, inclusive and caring environments that allow young people to grow in their faith and better understand the mission of Jesus Christ.

The Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools assists schools in building teaching and leadership capabilities in communities of professional educators who share responsibility for school improvement and for achieving the best outcomes for our students.



Bowraville



Population size: 1,157

Employed within Bowraville: 43.4%

Median age: 46

Bowraville is a small country town located in the heart of the beautiful Nambucca Valley. The town is on the Mid-North Coast of New South Wales and is 20km inland from Nambucca Heads and approximately halfway between Sydney and Brisbane. The town is situated on the land of the Gumbaynggirr people. Bowraville is located approximately 120km north of Port Macquarie, and 60km south of Coffs Harbour.

This is the place to come if you are seeking a low-key alternative and seachange lifestyle. Bowraville is located in some of the most picturesque countryside in New South Wales. Spectacular national parks and nature reserves ring the town, and you are only a short drive to spectacular beach communities. Take your pick from Valla Beach, Nambucca Heads, Scotts Head, Valla and Grassy Head Beaches.

Median weekly household income: \$1,040

The closest major urban centres:

Coffs Harbour

Kempsey

Data Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2021

The town developed around the timber industry, which is responsible for the unique streetscape and architecture of Bowraville. The town is an inviting mix of rich Aboriginal and European history and cultures. Explore the colonial and art deco buildings, museums, galleries and cafes.

You will be surprised by the beauty of the landscape and majestic waterways of this town. You will want to make this community your home.





St Mary's Primary School

Address:

4 Carbin St, Bowraville NSW 2449

Website:

<https://www.bwpplism.catholic.edu.au/>

School Statistics & Leadership

Staff: 27

Current Enrolment: 48

Parish Church:

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church,
Nambucca Heads

**Index of Community Socio-Educational
Advantage (ICSEA)**

School ICSEA value: 827

Average ICSEA value: 1000

School ICSEA percentile: 4

Indigenous Students: 62%

Language other than English: 0%

Data Source: MySchool (2023)

St Mary's Primary School is a vibrant Catholic co-educational K-6 primary school located in Macksville. We are part of the Nambucca Valley Parish, which serves the communities of Nambucca Heads, Macksville, Bowraville, Taylors Arm, Valla Beach, Scotts Head, Stuarts Head, and Eungai. Our school welcomes families seeking a unique faith-based educational experience.

At St Mary's Primary School, we are proud of our unique identity and strong connection to the local Gumbaynggirr community. Our school provides a nurturing, safe, and supportive environment where students feel a deep sense of peace and trust. With over 108 years of history, we have built a long and proud tradition of engagement with our community, working closely with local families and leaders.

We are a faith-filled community that strives to enhance each student's learning journey. Our motto, 'Let your light shine,' reflects our commitment to helping every child share their unique gifts and talents. We deeply value the authentic partnerships between home, school, and the wider community, working together to ensure that all students reach their full potential in every aspect of life.

Making the Move

Employment Opportunities

The Nambucca Valley is home to a diverse and thriving range of industries that form the backbone of this vibrant community. The major industries in Nambucca Valley include:

Health Care and Social Assistance

The largest employment sector in Nambucca offers a range of roles, from clinical positions like nurses and allied health professionals to support and administrative staff. Growing aged care and community health services are expanding job opportunities.

Retail Trade and Accommodation, Food Services

Retail, accommodation, and food services are key employers driven by local demand and tourism. Jobs range from retail sales and hospitality roles to accommodation and food service staff, contributing to the region's economy.

Education and Training

Schools, TAFE, and community education centres provide employment in teaching, administration, and support roles, contributing to local workforce development and skills training.

Construction and Manufacturing

The construction industry is growing, fueled by residential development and local infrastructure projects. This sector provides jobs for tradespeople, labourers, and project managers.

Transport, Postal, and Warehousing

Manufacturing focuses on processing local agricultural products and timber, offering roles in production and logistics. The transport sector supports this with jobs in freight, warehousing, and supply chain services.

Public Administration and Safety

Employment in local government, community services, and law enforcement contributes to regional stability and development, offering jobs in administration and public safety.

Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing

Agriculture remains vital, with activities like cattle farming, crop production, and forestry. The sector supports jobs in farming, processing, and distribution, particularly with a focus on sustainable practices.

Local Government

The closest Local Government areas are:

[Coffs Harbour City Council](#)

[Bellingen Shire Council](#)

[Kempsey Shire Council](#)

[Nambucca Valley Council](#)

Education

Southern Cross University - Coffs Harbour Campus

Southern Cross University National Marine Science Centre

NSW TAFE - Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads and Macksville: Offering courses in trades, creative industries, retail, hairdressing, food industries, child studies, and tourism.

The Welcome Experience

Are you or someone you know relocating to a region in our Diocese?

The Welcome Experience is a free NSW Government service supporting essential workers (and their families) who are considering applying for or have accepted a job in regional NSW.

Local Connectors provide personalised support for housing, education, job opportunities and community integration - they help you relocate, settle in and become one of the locals.

Learn more at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/makethemove/welcome-experience>

To proceed with your application for this position, [click here](#)