



## Catholic Education Sandhurst

### **“Justice Matters” Social Justice Camp**

**May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

17 March 2022

Dear Secondary Principals

Planning is well under way for our **eighteenth** annual Diocesan “Justice Matters” Justice & Leadership Camp, involving CEO staff, Caritas personnel, external presenters and educators with a passion for social justice. This is an extraordinary Sandhurst tradition which is the envy of many other dioceses.

The theme for this year is **For the Future**. Our key focus this year will be environmental as our facilitator will be Ms Romina Martiniello who returns having made a strong impression on many of our students at our camp last year. Justice Matters will encourage student leadership and action in the critical Catholic Identity areas of social justice and care of creation, as well as develop networks among both students and staff. Please note the following details:

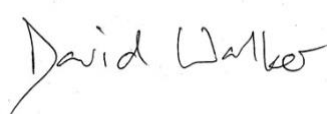
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Wednesday May 11th (2.30 pm arrival) ~ Friday May 13th (depart 1.00pm)</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>The Old Priory, Beechworth</b>
<b>Cost</b>	The CEO will invoice schools \$180 per participant to cover on-site costs (meals and accommodation). Schools may choose to fund some or all of this amount for participants. The CEO will cover the cost of transport (buses) and subsidise the accommodation. If there is a financial concern please contact David Walker.
<b>Staff</b>	It is hoped that all schools will be able to send one adult supervising staff member to assist with the implementation of the camp program. The camp will also be an opportunity for personal and professional development of staff in the area of justice education.
<b>Facilitators</b>	<b>Romina Martiniello</b> works for Caritas Australia as the Social and Ecological Justice Animator for Victoria and Tasmania. Romina came to Caritas after a career within the Salesians of Don Bosco where she was the Coordinator of Youth Ministry across Australia and Assistant Director of the The Cagliari Project for six years, nurturing a volunteer network to support Salesian communities overseas. Romina has also lived in Cambodia and taught English at the Don Bosco Technical School in Phnom Penh. Romina has been central to the Don Bosco Green Alliance through promotion and animation of ecological justice through digital content creation, workshops and environmentally conscious practices in all work, particularly through school student engagements. With a Bachelor of Arts(Sociology)/Bachelor of Global Studies from Australian Catholic University, and extensive involvement in many church agencies as a volunteer worker, Romina brings a well-rounded perspective to her work.

<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Eight</b> students from each school. It is possible additional places will become available closer to the time for camp. Any school seeking additional places should discuss this with David asap.
<b>Participants</b>	To be selected from Years 9 to 11. Interest in justice issues, and prior involvement in social justice activities at the local level, would be advantageous but it is also an opportunity to introduce passionate students with minimal experience to ways to respond to a wide range of social justice issues.
<b>Transport</b>	<b>The CEO will provide a coach to pick students up from across the Diocese and return them on conclusion.</b>

Our Diocesan “Justice Matters” gathering will give participants a unique opportunity to make new friends and to become aware of their relationships with God, others, themselves and the environment in their communities and in the world. Through raising awareness of a wide range of issues, fostering advocacy, promoting action for justice, working together and building partnerships, we aim to inspire our young people to become agents of change locally, nationally and globally.

Please give this initiative your full support and ensure the participation of your students and staff in this long-running, worthwhile diocesan activity.

Yours sincerely,



**David Walker**

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*“The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.”* Pope Francis, Laudato Si n.84

*“If we are to go on living together on this earth, we must all be responsible for it.”* Kofi Annan (former UN Secretary-General)

*“Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded.”* Pope Francis, Laudato Si n.13