

## FAITH IN THE FUTURE PASTOR AND PRINCIPAL FORUM



2021 marks an important milestone in the history of Catholic education in the Diocese of Ballarat

The creation of DOBCEL affords diligent oversight of the complex governance of parish schools while offering continued support to parish priests in undertaking the pastoral care of their school community.

The village model of the parish school has required re-visioning in light of the regulatory and legislative environment in which schools operate. At the same time, the Catholic school, remains an important expression of the Church's mission.

Attaining the right balance between the demands of the current context and the responsibilities inherent in the ecclesial sphere will in no small way contribute to the continuing efficacy of the mission of the Catholic school.

## PASTOR AND PRINCIPAL FORUM

You are invited to join our Pastor and Principal Forum, facilitated by Fr David Ranson, for the opportunity to come together and explore the proper role of the Pastor in Catholic education and the nature of delegation over two days.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Date: Thursday 13 - Friday 14 May, 2021

**Time:** To be advised

**Location:** Mercure Hotel and Convention Centre

613 Main Road, Ballarat

Bookings and further forum details will be distributed soon



## **ABOUT FR DAVID RANSON**

Fr David Ranson is a priest of the Diocese of Broken Bay, where he currently serves as Vicar General and Parish Priest of Chatswood. For many years, he was a senior lecturer in the Sydney College of Divinity, teaching in Spirituality at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, where he was also Academic Registrar until 2014.

David holds a Master of Theology Honours degree from the Melbourne College of Divinity and his PhD from Australian Catholic University. He commenced his Religious Life as a member of the Cistercian Order at Tarrawarra Abbey, Yarra Glen, Victoria where he was ordained in 1992.

David has written numerous articles and books on spirituality and pastoral formation and is regularly invited to speak on issues of spirituality and pastoral formation.