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BALLARAT CATHOLIC BISHOP'S CHARITABLE FUND

2026 – SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation, incorporating the Ballarat Catholic Bishop's Charitable Fund ("Foundation") will make funding available to six Catholic Primary Schools for new projects that aid in the improvement of the welfare of their community within the Diocese of Ballarat.

Up to \$5,000 will be made available, per project, delivered during 2026. Any DOBCEL primary school within the diocese can apply for the grant through the grant process, as outlined on the Diocese of Ballarat web site:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/stewardship/catholic-diocese-of-ballarat-foundation/>

Grants will be awarded to the six schools within the diocese that best meet the criteria for community improvement that show impactful support toward the mission and objectives of the Foundation. This includes, but not limited to, providing relief, comfort and support for those suffering disadvantage within the Diocese.

All proposals will be assessed and considered at a meeting of the Foundation in November 2025, with successful applicants being notified in early December 2025 and funds delivered in February 2026.

Grant applications will close on November 10, 2025. Schools are encouraged to contact the Foundation Secretary via email (foundation@ballarat.catholic.org.au) with any queries about the grant process.

In 2025 we awarded funds to many very worthy school projects across the Diocese. Those schools that were awarded funds in 2025 are free to re-apply for the 2026 grants.

The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation is a not-for-profit entity independent of the operations of the Diocese of Ballarat with its own board and constitution and incorporates the Ballarat Catholic Bishop's Charitable Fund. The foundation has supported the needs of the individuals and families within the Ballarat Diocese for many decades and has contributed over \$5 million in grants to the community in the last 10 years. The foundation distributes grants from investment returns and donations from the community. All tax-deductible donations made to the Ballarat Catholic Bishop's Charitable Fund are most welcome and will help ensure the fund continues to support the people of the diocese for decades to come.