

# Services



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## **The blessing and the opening of St Vincent's School**

The blessing and opening of the new St Vincent's School at Maidstone on Friday 22 March 2002, was an extremely happy occasion. Over 125 people joined the Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Rev. Denis Hart, and the Minister for Community Services and Housing, the Hon Bronwyn Pike MLA, to celebrate the new school's opening and wonderful facilities.

The Minister observed that the opening marked 'the time to respond to new circumstances, it is time to change and make a new start.' Three students of the school proudly presented the commemorative plaque to Fr Tom Doyle, Director of Catholic Education, who handed it to the Minister to make the official opening.

After the formalities finished, guests enjoyed a glorious autumn morning and chatted over a cup of tea whilst walking through the school grounds and facilities. It was a day of celebrating the truly collaborative effort of government, community and MacKillop Family Services.

Congratulations to the staff of Rice Education and Youth Services, and all those involved in making the dream of a new school a successful reality. The students can well be proud to attend a state of the art school facility.