



Guidance by Nerolie Blurton

To all our guests,

We truly appreciate your support and presence here today. Thank you for celebrating the opening of St Francis' School with us. We invite you to view the School's facilities, and join the staff and students for morning tea.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

St Francis' School wishes to thank and acknowledge the contribution of

**Catholic Education WA**

**Archdiocese of Perth**

**St Francis' School Board**

**St Francis' School Community**

**St Francis' School staff and their families**



## BLESSING & OFFICIAL OPENING OF ST FRANCIS' SCHOOL

25TH SEPTEMBER 2015, 10AM





# OFFICIAL PARTY

**Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe SDB DD**  
Archbishop of Perth, Western Australia

**Dr Tim McDonald**  
Executive Director  
Catholic Education Western Australia

**The Honourable Peter Katsambanis MLA**  
Representing The Honourable Peter Collier  
Minister for Education,  
Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Affairs

**Ms Marie Taylor**  
Nyoongar Elder

**Ms Robyn Collard**  
Nyoongar Kaatidjiny Yok

**Mr Rory McNally**  
St Francis' School Principal

## SCHOOL PRAYER

St Francis,

Help me to jump into this day,  
full of joy and hope

Help me to see every problem  
as a learning opportunity.

To myself and others,  
let me show respect,

act responsibly, believe in myself and  
learn to belong to our school community.

Amen



## BLESSING & DEDICATION

**Archbishop:** Peace be to this School

**All:** And to all who belong here

**Archbishop:** Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Archbishop:** The Lord be with you

**All:** And with your Spirit

**Archbishop:** Let us pray...

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples:  
When you have found entry to a house, give greeting  
and say "Peace be to this house".

May that peace come now upon this School,  
and upon all who teach, study, work and visit here.

Make them strong in your service, give them true liberty of soul.

Fill the staff with knowledge, wisdom and the love of God.

Give the students your grace in full measure that they may understand  
the truths that they are taught, ponder them in their hearts,  
and give witness to them in their lives.

May your Holy Name be ever held in honour.

Bless these buildings and grounds. May the angels of  
light ever dwell within them and in all who frequent  
them, for you live and reign forever and ever

**All:** Amen

**Archbishop:** May these crosses be blessed in the name of Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

May all those who pray and bow their heads in love of their God,  
find health and wellbeing for their body and soul.

**All:** Amen

# PROGRAM OF EVENTS



Master of Ceremonies: Mr Paul Hille,  
St Francis' School Board Chairman

**Welcome** Mr Paul Hille

**National Anthem** Advance Australia Fair

**Principal's Address** Mr Rory McNally

**Welcome to Country  
& Smoking Ceremony** Ms Marie Taylor  
Ms Robyn Collard

**Address** Hon Peter Katsambanis MLA

**Blessing, Dedication & Address** Archbishop Costelloe SDB DD

**Official Opening & Address** Dr Tim McDonald

**School Prayer** Mr Rory McNally

**Conclusion** Mr Paul Hille