

## Media Release

### Catholic schools set their sights on maths

All 26 Catholic Primary Schools in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga, for past 2 years, have been part of 'Targeting Maths Initiative' to raise student outcomes in Mathematics.

This initiative is building capacity of Teachers in delivering a high quality maths program and providing rich challenging maths tasks that engage all students in mathematics. Included in this initiative there has been significant professional learning opportunities from highly recognised Australian researchers in Mathematics. One of these is Emeritus Professor Peter Sullivan.

Professor Peter Sullivan will be at Albury Commercial Club on Tuesday 13 November from 9:30 - 15:00 to provide professional learning on 'Effective Maths Pedagogy and Challenging Mathematics Tasks' for 80 catholic Primary School teachers from all over the Diocese.

On Monday 12th Nov Peter is also leading secondary teachers in professional learning on teaching Maths in Catholic Secondary schools at McAlroy House Conference Room, Wagga Wagga

Peter Sullivan is currently Professor of Science, Mathematics and Technology Education, Monash University. He has extensive experience in research and teaching in teacher education. He was a member of the Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences panel of the Australian Research Council College of Experts from 2005 to 2008, and was an editor of the Journal of Mathematics Teacher Education for 8 years. He is the immediate past President of the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers and was the lead writer of the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics. He will be working with CEDWW providing professional learning for Effective Maths Pedagogy and Challenging Mathematics Tasks. Some of Peter's publications include: 'Challenging Mathematical Tasks' (2017), 'Open Ended Maths Activities: Using 'Good' Questions to Enhance Learning in Mathematics' (Lilburn & Sullivan), 'Good Questions for Maths Teachers'.

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