

Cana Catholic Primary School History

Pre 2004 – 2010

Pre 2004

- More than 100 parishioners meet at Emmaus Church in July 2002 to hear proposals for a third Catholic Primary School. Emmaus and Sacred Heart schools already established.
- Door knocking commences in the Hillside area to collect demographic data.
- Land for Cana Catholic Primary School is bought and earmarked for development.
- At a cost of \$2.7 million, work commences in mid 2003 for opening in February 2004.
- Carmen Blatti is appointed the inaugural Principal of Cana Catholic Primary school.



2004

- School opens in February with a total enrolment of 75 students from Grade prep to Grade 5.
- Mass is celebrated for the first time at Cana on Friday the 13th February, 2004. Mass is co celebrated by Father O'Reilly and Father Daly with approximately 50 parents and friends as well as the children.
- Father makes a presentation of a chalice to the school for use in weekly Masses. His parents had given the chalice to him after his ordination.



2005

- 116 enrolments and 14 staff.
- First Grade 6 class.
- Buildings added for growing enrolments.
- Cana cookbook produced, 'Family Favourites' including recipes from Cana families.
- Sacred Heart Parish celebrates its 50th Anniversary.



2006

- 114 families, 158 enrolments, 7 classrooms, 17 staff.
- Stage 2 Building Program: 4 permanent brick classrooms, 1 new toilet block, an extra storage area, underground water tank and concrete pathways connecting existing areas.



2008

- 170 families, 251 enrolments, 24 staff.
- Interactive Whiteboards and Laptops purchased and installed in each classroom.
- Football post and three sets of soccer goals installed on the school oval.
- School carpark was extended and an internal road connecting Banchory Ave and Sandalwood Drive was constructed.
- 2 portable classrooms installed and furnished.
- Cana holds Mini Olympics to celebrate the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.



2009

- Cana's 6th year. Cana had 189 families, 289 enrolments from Prep-6 and 25 staff members.
- Building plans submitted for 5 new classrooms including an art room.
- Grant for 'Building the Education Revolution' received and works commence. 2 portable classrooms removed and more are moved to different places.
- Passive play area is developed consisting of seating, 3 urns and a school plaque.



2010

- Cana has 200 families, 320 enrolments from Prep-6 and 24 staff members.
- Building works continue and work is completed on new classrooms in mid 2010.
- Library is extended with the creation of a computer lab and 2 offices.
- Mary MacKillop is canonised as Australia's First Saint and Cana creates Mary MacKillop group to carry on the work and legacy of Mary.
- Cana holds whole school production, based on the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
- Undercover playground shelter installed.
- Buildings are opened and blessed by Father O'Reilly.

