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# MEDIA RELEASE

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## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK AT ST MONICA'S COLLEGE EPPING

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated from 15 to 22 March 2015. At St Monica's College Epping (SMC) we will celebrate the rich tradition and the bright future of Catholic schools with a range of activities. The theme for Catholic Education Week is "*Seek God with all your heart*".

Two highlights of the week will be the arrival of 23 exchange students from Takada High School in Japan and a day of diverse cultural entertainment.

SMC and Takada High School have had an exchange program in place for 21 years and the program has seen the formation of many life-long friendships. The exchange is now a feature of the Japanese Content Language Integrated Learning Program. This program has been running since 2012, when our College pioneered Japanese bilingual education in Victorian Catholic Secondary schools. The program sees students using Japanese in various subjects - Religious Education, Science, Humanities and Visual Art. SMC Principal, Mr Brian Hanley, explains.

"The Takada Exchange program is a great example of how we can foster global citizenship starting here in Epping. Our students learn about cultural diversity and celebrate the differences as the group undertakes many educational and social experiences during their stay. The Takada Exchange program has been an outstanding success over many years and we are pleased to welcome the students and teachers to St Monica's College during Catholic Education Week."

Another highlight will be a day of cultural entertainment featuring artists from **Cultural Infusion**. The entertainment includes Chinese Fan Dancing, Bollywood Infusion and African Dancing and Drumming. The spectacular entertainment aims to broaden students' knowledge and understanding of different cultural groups through entertainment. More than 300 students will experience this spectacular entertainment.

Media is invited to attend and we can assist with photo opportunities.

### **Takada High School arrival and educational interchange:**

Monday 16 March from 9:00am to 3:00pm

### **Cultural Infusion Spectacular**

Tuesday 17 March from 10:00am to 3:00pm

Media contact for interviews, photos etc:

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