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## Live and Virtual: The National Catholic Education Conference 2022 offers educators a book now, decide later experience

Registrations are now open for the National Catholic Education Conference (NCEC2022) to be held in Melbourne from 4-7 September this year, both live and virtually.

National Catholic executive director Jacinta Collins said after two years of COVID-19 disruptions, the conference would definitely proceed.

“This is the first time in six years that Catholic educators have been able to move beyond virtual gatherings in what will be an important opportunity to network with and learn from leaders in Catholic education,” Jacinta said.

“With the COVID-19 pandemic still presenting challenges for many, the conference will be held both live and virtually at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre to ensure maximum participation.

“Whether you register to attend the conference in-person or on-line, you can alter your registration at any time should your circumstances change. If you choose to attend virtually, you’ll be able to get the full conference experience and connect your colleagues via the conference portal,” she said.

As the host diocese, Melbourne Archdiocesan Catholic Schools (MACS) is organising the conference in partnership with the National Catholic Education Commission.

MACS executive director Jim Miles said under the conference theme, *The Future is Listening*, speakers and participants will explore, listen and articulate the future of education for young people in Australia.

“We look forward to exploring our shared mission and professional practice in the areas of Catholic identity, leadership and governance, school improvement and community engagement.

“Melbourne is a great city and we are excited to co-host the conference and look forward to welcoming an expected 1,500 participants in person or virtually,” Jim said.

The conference is sponsored by the Principal Partner, the Australian Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund. Other sponsors include the Australian Catholic University and the University of Notre Dame Australia. **Sponsorship opportunities are still available.**

**For Early Bird Registration and for more information visit the [NCEC2022 website](#).**

*Nationally, there are 1,755 Catholic schools educating more than 785,000 students, or one in five Australian students, employing over 102,000 staff.*