Learning

**Primary School:** St Pius X Catholic School

*Gifted and Talented Education*
St Pius X Catholic School developed ‘Gifted and Talented’ and ‘Inquiry Based Learning’ Programs using their whole school science curriculum. The programs have delivered benefits for students in terms of student re-engagement and promoting learning across all year levels. Staff have benefited from ongoing professional development, a variety of key learning and engagement strategies and shoulder to shoulder learning.

**Secondary School:** Kolbe Catholic College

*Year 8 My Learning Pathway*
Kolbe Catholic College has developed an English Course for Year 8 students over the past two years. The course promotes learning for all students through the use of differentiated and self-paced lessons, authentic course content and using collaborative teaching and learning. The course uses a blend of formative and summative assessments rather than a "one-size-fits-all" approach and focuses on concepts rather than texts. Technology, including Google Sites, Schoology, iTunes U is used as an engagement tool as are flexible learning spaces that promote success.

The initiative has resulted in many positive outcomes for Kolbe students including a greater level of engagement, focus and effort, a more pronounced sense of authenticity.

Engagement

**Primary Schools:** Padbury Catholic Primary School  
St Anthony’s School, Wanneroo  
Our Lady of Mercy Primary School

*Opening Doors*
The Opening Doors initiative was jointly developed by Padbury Catholic Primary School, St Anthony’s School, Wanneroo and Our Lady of Mercy Primary School. The initiative was specifically created to promote networked, professional learning communities across schools.

Staff in all three schools have benefited from exposure to effective practice and pedagogy, collaboration and opportunities for personal learning and improvement.
Secondary School: Bunbury Catholic College

*Primary School Science Initiative*
Bunbury Catholic College developed the ‘Primary School Science Initiative’ to help Year 7 Primary teachers in the Bunbury region teach science effectively. The initiative involved the development of common science programs/curriculum in the transition years, creating collaborative pedagogical practices in science between secondary and primary schools, as well as ‘toolboxes’ of equipment and resources for Bunbury feeder primary schools.

The initiative has ensured that Year 8 students begin the science curriculum with a common understanding of content and skills.

### Accountability

Primary School: Notre Dame Catholic Primary School

*‘iTeach@ND’ model*
Notre Dame Catholic Primary developed the iTeach@ND Model to align with LEAD strategic direction. The model involves a school-wide approach to curriculum development and programming and teaching literacy and mathematics. An *Asian Literacy Hub* has been formed and the study of Chinese (Mandarin) has been undertaken. Notre Dame has committed to comprehensive data analysis, developed SMART goals, commenced a mentoring and coaching program and adopted an iPad and 1:1 laptop program.

The initiative has resulted in staff engaged in ongoing learning from their peers and actively seeking feedback guided by the AITSL professional standards.

### Discipleship

School: Irene McCormack Catholic College

*LifeLink Launch*
Irene McCormack Catholic College has been a significant contributor to the Archbishop’s annual LifeLink appeal and was recognised as the joint recipient of the ‘2014 Spirit of LifeLink’ Award. The school’s Christian Service Coordinator played a key role in coordinating the IMCC Day activities which generated approximately $5000 for the appeal. The school is also very active in supporting community agencies including Red Cross and The Shop Front. Irene McCormack Catholic College regularly collects food for the homeless, contributes to the Winter Appeal and creates Christmas Hampers for those in need.

### LEAD Awards of Merit

#### Learning

Clontarf Aboriginal College, Waterford, *Numeracy Project*

#### Engagement

Francis Jordan Catholic School, Currambine, *Music and Creative Dance Project*

St Paul’s Primary School, Karratha, *OUR Education Network*