

Suggested activities

Here are a few ideas to celebrate the Bicentenary of Catholic education in Australia or come up with your own events and activities

- **200 years National Launch** - celebrate the official launch of 200 years celebrations (week commencing 22 February 2021 - check your diocese, state or territory for details)
- **National Mass** - in each Diocese on the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians on 24 May 2021
- Distribute and pray the 200 Years of Catholic education **national prayer** at all school assemblies, diocesan and events (check your diocese, state or territory for details)
- Sing the 200 years of Catholic education **national song**, 'Faith in the Future' by Fr Rob Galea at school assemblies, diocesan and events
- Contribute a testimonial/video to the **Your Stories** page on the [200 years website](#)
- Contribute an historical photo and caption to the **Gallery** or **Timeline** page the [200 years website](#)
- Take an **aerial photo** of your whole school in the shape of 200 and [email to the 200 years website](#)
- Pre order **commemorative pins** for your school students and staff from the [200 years website](#)
- Display your 200 years **fence banner** and **posters**
- Include 200 years general information in **school newsletters and social media** to reach parents and carers and the wider community
- Organise a whole school/class **Masses/Assemblies/Liturgies** and invite prominent alumni, past staff and families, and local members of parliament
- Get students to make **Bicentennial Anniversary thank you cards** to send to religious orders, clergy, staff and alumni who played a role in your school's history
- Create a **time capsule** with contributions from current students, staff and families, alumni, and former staff and families
- 200 years **historical dress up day**
- Learn about the early days of Catholic education in Australia via the **timeline** on the [200 years website](#) or do your own research as part of a learning activity
- Research and play **school yard games** from yesteryear
- **Play the Bicentennial Games Quiz** from the [200 years website](#) or create your own school history quiz
- Compile your **school history/timeline** - launch on your schools' feast day
- **Interview alumni** from your school about their favourite memories of Catholic education
- **Fundraise** for a specific education project that will assist disadvantaged children to receive an education or other important cause
- **Perform Acts of Kindness** in your local community (ie. early years could draw pictures/write stories about their favourite things at school to send to aged care residents; older years could build and donate care packs to local disadvantaged groups)
- **Interview teachers** about how long they have been teaching and how they have seen classrooms and schools evolve (ie. technologically, campus growth, uniform differences etc.)
- Find out how many staff and students were at your school when it opened and how many are there today and **create visual representations** of this to be displayed somewhere in the classroom/school

