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SPIRITUAL FESTIVAL

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The combined voices of more than 800 grade 5 and 6 students from Catholic primary schools in the Sandhurst Diocese filled Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo with spirit and song on Wednesday.

Fifteen Catholic primary schools in the Western Deanery came together in a massed choir performance as part of the Festival of the Sacred.

Students from St Joseph's College Echuca and Catholic College Bendigo performed musical interludes throughout the performance.

The festival, which is in its second year, is part of the diocesan arts strategy for the Sandhurst Diocese.

Catholic Education Sandhurst has entered into a partnership with A3-Australian Arts Alive, a branch of the Australian School of the Performing Arts which offers high quality performing arts experiences to young people.

The Australian School of the Performing Arts, possibly best known for its involvement in the Qantas, "I still call Australia home" campaign and the Australian Girls Choir, has provided eight weeks of workshops for the individual schools from Echuca, Cohuna, Pyramid Hill, Rochester, Bendigo, Kerang, Inglewood, Elmore and Heathcote.



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Sacred performance

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STUDENTS from across the district have been involved in the region's largest singing performance.

Grade 5 and 6 students from St Joseph's Primary School, Kerang, St Mary's Cohuna and St Patrick's Primary School, Pyramid Hill were a part of the Festival of the Sacred mass performance.

More than 800 students from across the Sandhurst Diocese's Western Deanery filled Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo for the performance.

The festival, which is in its second year, is part of the Diocesan Arts strategy for the Diocese.

The spectacular display of choral and instrumental performances preceded a Liturgy of the Word, led by Monsignor Frank Marriott.

A group of parents watched on as students sang, acted and performed together for the first time.

"It was just fantastic; it was the most wonderful day for the children," St Joseph's Primary School performing arts co-ordinator, Alicia Makeham said.

"The children sang beautifully, and they were well behaved."

St Mary's Cohuna principal, Sonia Parker said, "This was amazing, as it showed the students what they can do when they reach high school,"



VOCAL. St Joseph's Primary School students took part in the region's largest singing performance last Wednesday at Bendigo.

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Celebration time

The combined voices of more than 800 grade five and six students from Catholic Primary schools in the Sandhurst Diocese rang out at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Wednesday.

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Deputy director of Catholic Education Sandhurst Phil Billington said the festival was a wonderful way to awaken within students and teachers their God-given gifts.

"The industry and diocesan partnerships are critical to the success of the arts which are an essential part of the curriculum. This celebration will continue across the diocese later in the year," she said.



HANDS UP: During the Festival of the Sacred. Photo: ANDREW PERRYMAN