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LEADERSHIP FOR STUDENTS

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St Mary's Primary School hosted the annual Junior Leadership Conference for grades five and six students in the Northern Plains Cluster of Catholic schools last week.

Schools including St Joseph's Rochester, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Elmore, St Mary's Inglewood, St Patrick's Pyramid Hill, St Joseph's Kerang, St Mary's Cohuna and St Mary's Echuca took part in the two-day conference, with 209 students involved.

Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst Denis Higgins was the keynote speaker at the conference.

This year's conference theme was 'Called to Bring Hope' with a focus on developing children's personal wellbeing through experiencing chances for enjoyment, physical activity and leisure.

Dancers from the Australian Ballet Education program led the children in dance movement, dance composition and rhythmic fitness aerobic workouts, and also showcased their talent in a one-hour concert on Monday night.

The students also took part in a choral program as part of the Diocese of Sandhurst Arts Strategy.

Choral trainers from Australian Arts Alive (A3) worked with the children to develop a program of choral repertoire.

A3 is a branch of the Australia School of Performing Arts, best known for its Australian Girls' Choir branch.

Other activities children took part in included circus movement and magic tricks with Catholic Education Office's Brian Brennan, composing music on the computer with school guitar teacher John King, and developing self-esteem through physical activity and games with St Mary's teacher Rob Morris.

