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Media Release: Mernda Hills Christian College to Launch New Early Learning Centre

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Mernda Hills Christian College Announces Construction of New Early Learning Centre

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities, Mernda Hills Christian College is proud to announce the construction of a brand-new Early Learning Centre (ELC). This state-of-the-art facility will be located at the front of the College campus, replacing The Village, which will be relocated to the back of the Middle School building.

The ELC will feature four large, flexible classrooms designed to cater to the needs of 3 and 4 year olds, fostering a nurturing and dynamic learning environment. The Centre is scheduled to open in 2026, with enrollment offering priority admission to the College's Foundation year level, ensuring a smooth transition into primary school.

In addition to classroom spaces, the new Centre will include two specialist offices intended for use by community service providers such as maternal health care nurses, further supporting local families.

“The Early Learning Centre is a testament to our commitment to holistic, Christ-centred education,” said Ms Kristin Hankins, Principal of Mernda Hills Christian College. “This facility will provide a consistent Christian learning environment that supports the spiritual, academic, physical and social-emotional development of our students from their earliest years.”

This project also addresses the identified need for a high-quality Christian Early Learning Centre in the Whittlesea community, offering an affordable and values-based option for families seeking comprehensive education for their children. It will be the seventh ELC constructed as part of the Seventh-day Adventist School system in Victoria, which currently provides early learning opportunities to over 300 students.

Mernda Hills Christian College will be hosting information sessions in the coming months to discuss the features of the Early Learning Centre and the enrolment process. The school is committed to transparency and will keep the community informed throughout the construction process.

For more information, please contact elc@merndahills.vic.edu.au or visit merndahills.vic.edu.au/elc

NB: the ELC building facade depicted in the current render is yet to be finalised.