Catholic Education of Western Australia is pleased to advise that St Francis’ School in Maddington will officially open its doors to students on Tuesday March 3, 2015.

St Francis’ School will operate as a coeducational Curriculum and Re-engagement in Education (CARE) school in 2015, catering to small cohort of Year 10-12 students for whom mainstream schooling has not been effective.

St Francis’ School philosophy is based on the dignity of the human person and will be evident at the school through a spirit of respect, responsibility, belonging and belief. There will be a strong emphasis on pastoral care and self-belief and the school will offer a safe, nurturing environment where students will be encouraged to reach their potential.

St Francis’ School will offer both academic courses to WACE level, with a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy. It will also offer and nationally recognised Certificate courses in Hospitality, Retail, Horticulture, Information Technology, Light Automotive, Metals and Woodwork, to best equip the students for gaining future employment.

School Principal Rory McNally commented on the important role that CARE schools play in meeting the needs of such students.

“St Francis’ School is the latest of a number of CARE schools that are operated by Catholic Education and is keep with a long Catholic tradition of supporting the marginalised in our community. These schools play a critical role in meeting the special needs of students who for a variety of reasons have found mainstream schooling to be ineffective. The level of interest in the new facility has been encouraging and demonstrates there is a real need in the community for this type of education program,” said Rory.

A very limited number of places for 2015 are still available. For information about enrolment please contact Rory via email: principal@stfs.wa.edu.au