

## Aurora Schools: Communication document for newsletters



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### **The Aurora Structured Literacy Project:**

Our school is taking part in a research project called the *Aurora Structured Literacy Project*. This research project includes ten small and geographically isolated schools across the Diocese of Ballarat. It is a collaboration between researchers at the Diocese of Ballarat and La Trobe University to improve literacy knowledge and outcomes for our students.

We are fortunate to have Mel Fox working with us this year as a Literacy Coach as part of the research. Mel is working with our leaders and teachers to improve literacy knowledge and teaching for our students. Our staff have also undertaken a range of professional development on literacy teaching as part of the project.

The project will be analysing our students' reading and include the reflections of our leaders and teachers about the supported introduction of structured literacy in our school. The project would also like to hear from parents / guardians about their child's learning of reading and writing.

Earlier in the year, families received some information about this project. In the coming months, you will be invited to consider providing your consent for two specific aspects of the project. Firstly, the researchers will invite you to participate in an interview to hear about your views of your child's literacy learning. Secondly, the researchers will ask you to consent for your child to be involved in a case study to look more closely at their learning.

All information will be securely stored and personal details (such as our school, your child's details etc) will never be shared.

You will receive more detailed information about these opportunities to be involved in the project in the coming months.