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CITY OF RYDE RECOGNISES ST CHARLES SCHOOL'S 160TH ANNIVERSARY

The City of Ryde has acknowledged the 160th anniversary of the opening of St Charles Catholic Primary School in Ryde, by donating a tree and a plaque that commemorates the milestone.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, joined Clr Roy Maggio, St Charles Catholic School Principal Peter Watkins, Parish Priest Fr Greg Morgan as well as students from the school this week to unveil the tree and plaque.

St Charles Catholic Primary School is the school of St Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish. The school first opened its doors in 1858 with an enrolment of 30 children in a small weatherboard building.

Today the school has more than 470 students enrolled on a site with high quality learning facilities.

Clr Laxale congratulated St Charles Catholic Primary School on the significant milestone.

"A 160th anniversary is an incredible achievement in any field, particularly education, and everyone involved in St Charles Catholic Primary School should be extremely proud," Clr Laxale said.

"From humble beginnings, the school has become a vital education centre for the community and I am delighted Council has acknowledged this milestone."

Clr Maggio put forward the motion for Council to acknowledge the 160th anniversary and donate the tree and plaque, which Councillors voted for unanimously.

"As a long time parishioner at St Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish, I understand the importance of St Charles Catholic Primary School to the local community, and I thought it was only fitting that Council recognise such a significant anniversary," Clr Maggio said.

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