

# EASTERN STAR PROJECT

## 'EACH STUDENT SHINES'

The Eastern Star Project is a collaborative initiative of the Catholic primary schools in East Adelaide as part of the CESA East Adelaide Strategy.

### What is the Eastern Star Project?

The Eastern Star Project operates through the cluster of the five Catholic primary schools in East Adelaide.

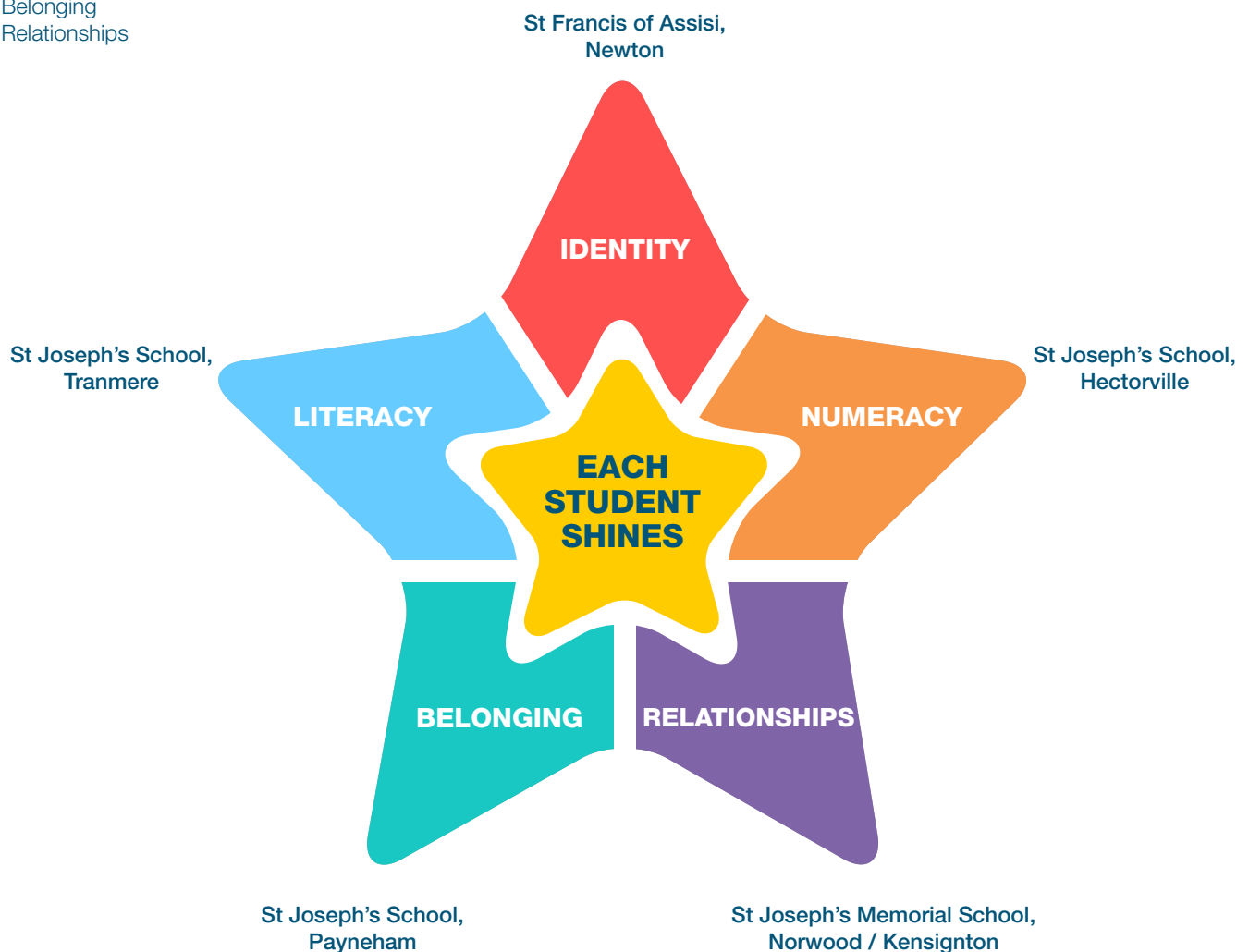
The Project is part of CESA's total East Adelaide Strategy and inclusive of the collaborative relationships of the five primary schools with the four Catholic colleges in East Adelaide: Loreto College (Marryatville), Mary MacKillop College (Kensington), Rostrevor College (Woodforde) and Saint Ignatius' College (Athelstone).

The overarching frame of reference for the Eastern Star Project and the East Adelaide Strategy is the Living, Learning, Leading Framework.

The purpose of the Eastern Star Project is to drive a strong improvement program for the Catholic primary schools in East Adelaide, grounded in evidence from research and practice. The main aim of the Project is to improve measurable student outcomes, especially in literacy, numeracy and student wellbeing.

The Eastern Star Project focuses on the achievement of school improvement in the key areas of:

- Identity
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Belonging
- Relationships



## Eastern Star Project Leadership and Management

The implementation of the Project will be focused on improving Leadership and pedagogical strategies. Research demonstrates the powerful impact that school leadership teams can have in improving the quality of teaching and learning.

Effective leaders create cultures of high expectations, provide clarity about what teachers are to teach and students are to learn, establish strong professional learning communities and lead ongoing efforts to improve teaching practices so to ensure that each young person is a successful learner, a confident and creative individual, and an active and informed citizen.

The Project is led and managed through the following roles and responsibilities:

### **Eastern Star Project Quality Leadership Group**

The Principals of the five cluster primary schools comprise the Project Quality Leadership Group for the Eastern Star Project.

### **Eastern Star Project Leader**

The Eastern Star Project Leader will be appointed by CESA to work across and on behalf of the five Primary Schools.

The role of the Project Leader is to coordinate and assist the operation of the Eastern Star Project on behalf of the Quality Leadership Group and in collaboration with the Pedagogical Coaches in each of the schools.

### **Pedagogical Coaches**

Each Primary School Principal in the Eastern Star Project will appoint Pedagogical Coaches to work within their school to strengthen student identity, literacy, numeracy and belonging.

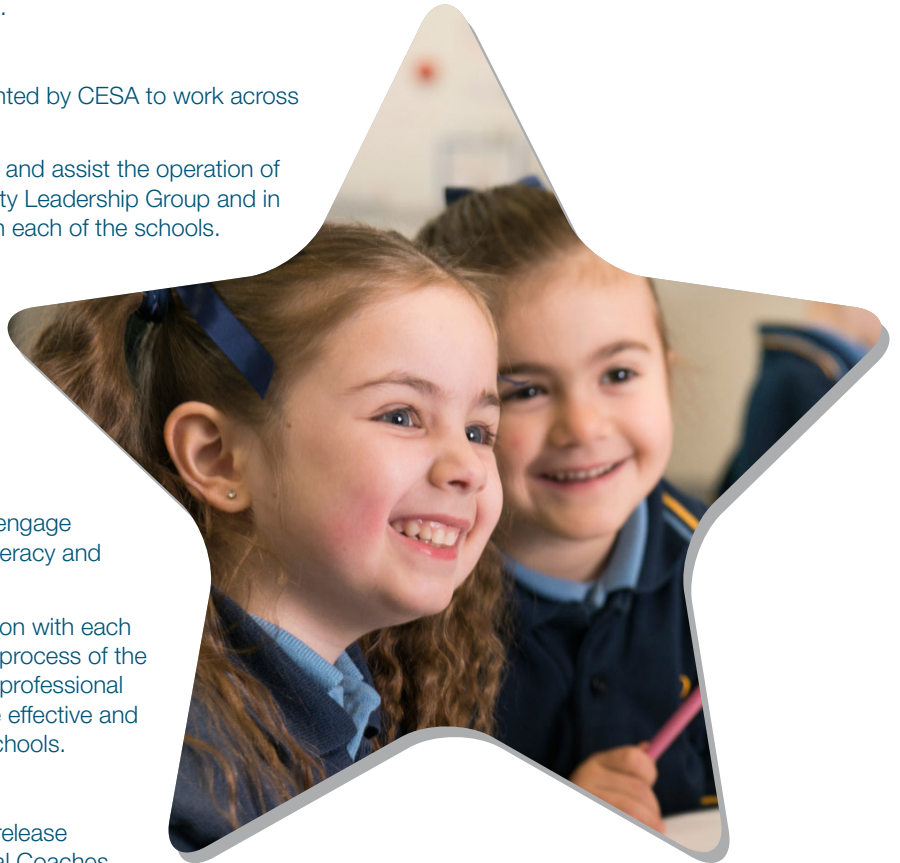
### **External Professional Expertise**

The Eastern Star Project allocates funding to engage external professional expertise in literacy, numeracy and differentiated teaching.

The Eastern Star Project Leader, in collaboration with each school's Pedagogical Coaches, manages the process of the identification and appointment of the external professional expertise. They work as a group to ensure the effective and efficient deployment across the five primary schools.

### **Teacher engagement**

The Eastern Star Project allocates funding to release teachers to plan together with the Pedagogical Coaches in each school.



## What is the East Adelaide Strategy?

CESA's East Adelaide Strategy was developed through a commitment to improving levels of student enrolment and retention, learning outcomes and the quality of student engagement, as well as the transition and collaboration between the nine Catholic primary schools and colleges in East Adelaide.

The goals of the East Adelaide Strategy are for the Catholic schools, colleges and Eastern sector to:

- strengthen student engagement and wellbeing
- improve the standard of student literacy and numeracy and its rate of improvement
- increase enrolments at the entry/transition points of reception and Year 7
- improve the retention rate of students in all year levels
- improve the transition of East Adelaide early years providers into Catholic schools/colleges
- improve the transition rate from Catholic primary schools to Catholic secondary/combined colleges in East Adelaide and across Catholic education
- promote/market the quality of Catholic education across East Adelaide.