

Media Release

Construction to commence on Blakes Crossing school Australia

Adelaide, 17 June 2013- One of Lend Lease's newest communities in South Australia, Blakes Crossing, will commence construction of its first school after signing a sale of land contract with Christian Community Ministries, a Queensland based education provider, on Friday 7 June.

The independent college will operate from reception to Year 12 and eventually cater for approximately 700 students. Subject to planning approvals from the City of Playford, construction of the 2.2 hectare site will commence next month. General Manager of Lend Lease's communities business in South Australia, Brendan Pihan, said there had been a high number of enquiries about the proposed school since plans to develop the site were announced.

"This agreement is an important milestone for Blakes Crossing and will be the cornerstone of the community's growth in the region," Mr. Pihan said.

"There is a demand for good-quality schools and finalising this agreement with Blakes Crossing Christian College gives peace of mind to young families moving into the area."

"We've developed an education and community precinct at Blakes Crossing that includes a school, child care facility, community centre and open recreational space that will grow with the community for years to come."

The school will be built across a 10-year period in seven stages and expand according to growth in enrolments. The initial school intake in 2014 will be from R-5, adding one year level in each succeeding year through to Year 12.

City of Playford Mayor, Glenn Docherty, said the school was a welcome addition to the three schools already in the area including Blakeview Primary, Craigmore High School, and private school Trinity College Blakeview.

"This is a wonderful outcome for the Blakes Crossing community in terms of providing an excellent educational facility that will also increase employment opportunities in the City of Playford," Mayor Docherty said.

Christian Community Ministries CEO, John Lyndon, said it was an exciting time for Blakes Crossing Christian College.

"We are delighted to be working with Lend Lease to bring our school to Blakes Crossing in 2014," Mr. Lyndon said.



“Blakes Crossing Christian College will be a non-denominational Christian school which will seek to allow children to learn effectively, discover their gifts and talents and develop their character.”

The college will integrate with the 120-place child care facility operated by Stepping Stones Child Care and the Early Development Centre that will also open in 2014.

Blakes Crossing Christian College will be run by Christian Community Ministries Ltd which operates nine schools in Queensland and New South Wales.

Blakes Crossing is 31 kilometres north of Adelaide and will be home to more than 4,000 residents living in 1,500 homes on completion.

To find out more information about Blakes Crossing Christian College and how to enrol phone 1300 933 418.

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