MURRAYLANDS Christian College (MCC) has announced it will merge with Salisbury East school Tyndale Christian School in 2015.

Emmanuel Christian Schools and Ministries director Pastor Lew McMaster said the Murray Bridge and Strathalbyn MCC campuses and Tyndale Christian School looked forward to the partnership. Mr McMaster said the benefits from merging included greater access to special needs expertise, access to short term mission trips, pooled knowledge in Christian schooling, and resource sharing. He said the schools were working through a draft Merger Implementation Agreement, which should be resolved around December 19.

MCC Murray Bridge principal Bruce Hicks said the staff at Tyndale identified with what MCC offered as a school.

"We are all like-minded schools; we all belong to the Christian schools network," Mr Hicks said. "As we move forward, it will help our school immeasurably.

"We hope the community take it on board and see the benefits for the community," he said. Tyndale Christian School principal Mike Potter, who will become executive principal, said there would be changes to things such as the uniform but staffing would be no different.

"Our expectations are that Murray Bridge is going to grow ... so there will be more opportunities for staff to come here," Mr Potter said.

However, he said MCC's current board members would retire or resign, and Tyndale would take over; but there would be opportunities for local representation.