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**To: All Catholic Education Tasmania Stakeholders**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

**Re: Governance Arrangements for Systemic Schools for 2018**

I write further to my letter to you of 5 May to provide an update on the progress of the transition to new governance arrangements for Tasmanian Catholic schools in 2019.

I have formed a Governance Transition Steering Committee (GTSC) which will provide me with advice on the process of transition including the development of new guiding documentation for the Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission, its four new standing committees and for school boards. There will also be a need to clarify delegations to the Executive Director, principals and TCEO staff.

There will be consultation undertaken by the GTSC with relevant stakeholders between now and 2019 in the development of these new governance arrangements. The key principles of subsidiarity, co-responsibility and common good will guide the development of the new arrangements.

The members of the GTSC are:

- Mr John Mula, Executive Director Catholic Education Tasmania (Chair)
- Mr Sean Gill, Deputy Director (Deputy Chair)
- Mr Tom Dorey, Executive Officer Governing Councils
- Mrs Sue Gourlay, current member of TCEC, ex College Board Chair
- Mr Ron Ward, Diocesan Business Manager
- Mrs Anne Rybak, current Governing Council member, Acting Director: Corporate Services
- Miss Mary Preston, Executive Secretary TCEC

Mr David Hutton OAM, former Executive Director of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, has been engaged as a consultant to assist the GTSC in its work.

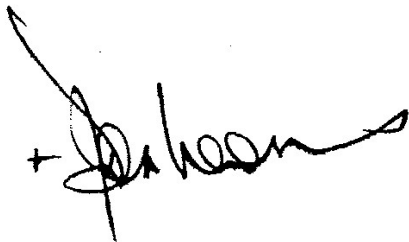
There will be no substantive changes to the governance arrangements for systemic schools for 2018. The Systemic Schools Governance Council (SCSGC) and the Systemic Schools Budget Committee will continue to operate undertaking their current roles. It is hoped that the current membership of SCSGC and Systemic Schools Budget Committee are able to continue in their respective roles in 2018.

School boards will continue to remain pivotal within the entire organisational and governance structure. They will continue to act as a consultative and advisory body to support the principal in local strategic planning, policy and operational matters. The Board provides a level of accountability mindful they are not boards of management, do not have a legal identity or become involved in the day-to-day management of the school. The current Board Constitution will continue to govern their discernment and operation in 2018. One of the tasks of the GTSC will be to review and where necessary update Board constitutions for 2019 to reflect the new governance arrangements.

As part of the transition to a new Governance structure, the role and delegations of the Director of Catholic Education will also be clarified. The Director continues in the role of the Chief Executive Officer of the TCEC. Commencing in 2018 the title of Executive Director, Catholic Education Tasmania will replace the current 'Director' title. As a consequence the Deputy will be referred to as the Deputy Executive Director and senior leadership as Director: Catholic Identity and Evangelisation, Director: Education, Director: Corporate and Director: North and Director: South. This aligns titles consistent with other Church agencies and that of similar size Catholic Education Offices across Australia.

I am grateful for the positive feedback I have received regarding the proposed new governance arrangements. I assure you that there will be ongoing consultation and communication regarding the new arrangements during the coming year. I am sure that the new governance arrangements will strengthen us in our common mission of Catholic education across the Archdiocese.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol and followed by a cursive name that appears to be 'Julian Porteous'.

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