



# CHANEL COLLEGE

# news

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Term 1 Week 1

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*"To act justly, to love tenderly and walk humbly with your God"* Micah 6:8

## From the Principal

Welcome to the 2015 College year! We have had an excellent start to the school year with Year 7 and Year 8 students settling in on Tuesday with the assistance of our Year 11 and 12 students. On Wednesday we gathered as a community for the first time. Welcome to all of our new students.



Our College theme for 2015 is Hearts to Love, Hands to Serve. This is a variation of one of the famous quotes by Mother Teresa.

"Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love."

Mother Teresa was a Catholic nun, famous for her work among the poor and dying of Calcutta in India. Sadly, she passed away in 1997.

In accepting her Nobel Prize for Peace in 1979 she spoke of a visit of fourteen professors from different universities in the United States. "They came to our house and we talked of love, of compassion, and then one of them asked me: Say Mother, please tell us something that we will remember, and I said to them: SMILE AT EACH OTHER, MAKE TIME FOR EACH OTHER IN YOUR FAMILY."

In living out our College theme for 2015 "Hearts to Love, Hands to Serve" let us in the coming weeks take time to smile at each other and make time to care for one another in our Chanel family.

### Mail Out Newsletter

Last week a newsletter was mailed home which contained some very important information regarding the start of the school year. If you did not receive this mail out, or if it was damaged in the wet weather, please contact the College Office.

### Opening Mass

To celebrate the opening of the school year, I would like to issue a warm invitation to join us for our Opening Mass which will be held on Thursday 5 February commencing at 9.00 am in the Marian Centre.

### P and F Meeting

I would like to invite all members of the Chanel Community to attend our first P and F Meeting for the year on Wednesday 18 February from 5.30 – 6.30 pm. Our P and F is not a fund raising committee, but makes decisions as to how the P and F levy is spent. Please consider coming along!

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**Student Absentee Hotline: 4973 4791**



### Staffing Updates

I would also like to welcome the new staff joining us this year.

- Ms Jaymie Blake – Drama, English, RE
- Mrs Dani Botica – Business, RE
- Miss Bridget Clarke – English and Humanities
- Miss Megan Davis – Visual Art and RE
- Miss Alana Emerick - Religious Education Curriculum Leader
- Mrs Lynn Herbert – Design Technologies Curriculum Leader
- Miss Nicole Larney – Japanese and Learning Support
- Mrs Kerrie Lisle – PE and Maths
- Miss Sarah McDonough – History, Legal Studies and English
- Mr Mark Robinson – Health and PE Curriculum Leader
- Mr Stephen Wilson - PE and Junior Science

There have also been some changes in the office with Mrs Vicki Stewart moving down to the Print Room and Mrs Vicki Crick joining us.

Welcome back to Mrs Lauren Schneider who has returned from maternity leave. Mr Damian Westman is currently on long service leave, so we welcome back Mrs Denise Storey who will be taking his classes while he is on leave. Congratulations to Miss Sonya Spollen on her wedding over the holidays. She will now be known as Ms Sonya Logan.



God bless  
*S.M. Nap*  
Sharon Volp



# Good News

Kath Hore - Mission & RE Support Officer

## Hearts to Love. Hands to Serve – Chanel Theme 2015

Our theme for 2015 encourages us to live with a more compassionate awareness of the needs of other people. The way we live and love is what matters most. We all have the capacity to make God's love real in our school, in our homes, in our social and sporting groups and in the wider world. Let us make 2015 a year when we look beyond ourselves and our desires and look to others and consider their needs.

## Prayer Support

Following tradition, Chanel College families and/or individuals are asked to be involved in offering prayer support for our Year 12 students. This is a very important year and one that can be quite stressful at times for our young people. Each person or family who commits is asked to pray each day, a prayer of their choice, for the student. This is a practical way of demonstrating our concern for our Year 12 students. Anyone who believes in the power of prayer is welcome to be a prayer support person/family. If you have not already received and returned your notice, and would like to participate, please leave your name and contact details at the College Office before Tuesday 3 February.

## Opening Mass

The Opening Mass for 2015 will be celebrated on 5 February at 9.00 am in the Marian Centre. All parents/carers are welcome to join in our celebration of what will be another busy and fulfilling year.

## Connecting with Marists

Over the last weekend of the school holidays, our College Captains – Laura Kane and Toby Guinea, and Vice-captains – Sarah Coleman and Michael Pacheco, spent time at the Marist Student Leaders' Gathering in Brisbane. They were given the opportunity to deepen their understanding of leadership, network with other Marist schools and participate in shared prayer and liturgies. Many thanks to Mrs Wales who accompanied them and we look forward to sharing their new found skills and ideas as they lead us in 2015.

## Second Hand Uniform Outlet

The Student Social Justice Group, through the sale of second hand uniforms last year, raised almost \$3000.00. The money was donated to the Sisters of St Joseph to assist the work of the Mary MacKillop Foundation in Peru and East Timor, The Marist Sisters educating disadvantaged children in Bangladesh and The Mercy Sisters assisting with education in Papua New Guinea. The 'outlet' will continue to operate in 2015 and will open each Wednesday in the RE Resource Room during the first break.

***If you have uniforms your child no longer requires - all donations are gratefully accepted and many thanks to those who have already sent in donations.***

## Thursday Mass

Ms Emerick's Year 12 CMT Class will commence this year's masses on Thursday 12 February – Commencing 10.40 am in the Chapel. **PARENTS/CARERS are WELCOME!**

## Please Pray for ...

- civilians in Middle Eastern countries as the political unrest continues to cause pain and suffering
- All our new students and staff as they commence their journey at Chanel College
- A year during which we will always have hearts to love and hands to serve
- People in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness

## Praise and Thanks for...

- civilians and defence personnel working to rebuild lives and to bring peace, unity and justice in many parts of the world
- A safe return to school after a relaxing and renewing holiday
- The wonderful country we live in - celebrating together

***If you have any requests for either of the above prayers, please leave your request at the Office.***

## ATTENTION PARENTS

In producing our Term 1 accounts for 2015, we are aware that some families have special circumstances which may need to be discussed with the Finance Office. Please contact us and we would be happy to discuss these issues.

**Finance Officer: Leigh Clarke    Phone: 4973 0711    Email: [finance@chanelcollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:finance@chanelcollege.qld.edu.au)**



# Parenting *ideas*

## INSIGHTS

### *Building parent-school partnerships*

WORDS Michael Grose

## Making a smooth start to secondary school

Getting used to new subjects and new teachers, as well as forming new friendships, are just some of the requirements of this transition.

Starting secondary school is a time of change and uncertainty, which places new demands on young people. Being at the bottom of the pecking order where they are unsure of the playground hierarchies is just one adjustment that they need to make.

Some kids take these new experiences in their stride but it is natural to experience some difficulty, particularly when it's accompanied by the potentially unsettling transition from childhood to adolescence. It's no coincidence that many research projects indicate that children's learning levels out in the transition year, presumably because the social tasks of adjustment take precedence over academic performance.

**It helps to remember the Four P's to help your young person settle in:**

#### 1 **Promote friendships**

The quicker kids form new friendships the sooner they'll feel comfortable in their secondary school surroundings. Encourage your young person to be open to forming friendships with all sorts of kids; to be accepting of others who may be different to them; to take social risks by joining in activities even though they may feel uncomfortable; and to be friendly, approachable and positive!

#### 2 **Practice patience**

Patience and understanding in the early weeks is essential. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it is normal to feel unsure or nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many difficulties they face will be temporary.

#### 3 **Pursue a positive attitude**

Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in issues with the appropriate person such as your child's Pastoral Care Teacher or Pastoral Leader, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.

#### 4 **Process their day**

Some young people may come home with fairly exaggerated accounts of secondary school and may not always paint a fair picture. They may become sensitive to things that they might have shrugged off in primary school. Listen without judgment and show a real interest in their new school, while providing

them with the space they need to get away for a while. Expect some behaviour blowouts as many kids let off steam in the relatively safe and stable environment of a loving family.

If your eldest is starting, then secondary school will be a relatively new experience for you too. It will take some time for you to adjust to the school's culture and communication methods.

Although secondary schools may seem a little foreign for those used to the relative intimacy of primary schools, one aspect is the same – outcomes for students are maximised when schools and parents work together in the best interests of the student.

One way to support your young person's school is by actively promoting the school's values. For instance, if respect is a prominent school value then you can discuss this in relation to the way your young person behaves around friends, relatives and family.

Most importantly, talk up your young person's new school, rather than talk it down, as kids of all ages take their cues from the most significant adults in their lives – their parents!

Michael Grose 



Stay one step ahead of your kids with great ideas & expert advice from Michael Grose. Join Michael's **NEW Parentingideas Club** today at [parentingideasclub.com.au](http://parentingideasclub.com.au). You'll be so glad you did.





# IMPORTANT NOTICE

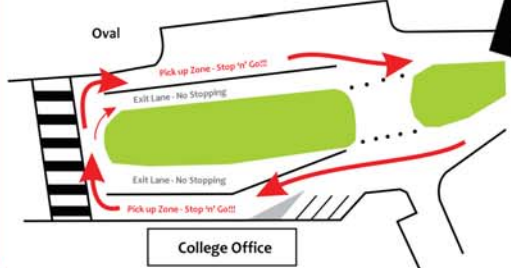
## CAR PARK TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

With the increased enrolment numbers there is more traffic entering the College grounds in the afternoons. Traffic is generally cleared by 3.30 pm, but delaying your pick up will allow you faster access to the College.

For the safety of all of our children could you please adhere to the following management plan. Either side of the traffic island as you enter St Peter Chanel Drive is divided into two lanes. The inside lane, closest to the traffic island, is a clearway for people to exit once they have collected their children. The outside lane, closest to the office, is the designated "pick up" zone. Please remind your children not to cross St Peter Chanel Drive to access their vehicle. The only point where the road is to be crossed is at the pedestrian crossing.

The head of the queue for picking up students is on the Dawson Highway side of the traffic island. Those parents parking in the pick up lanes are requested to move around to the other side when the queue advances or if space is available.

Thank you for your support with this very important issue.



### SPEED LIMIT

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PLEASE NOTE

Be aware of your speed whilst in the College grounds. Speed Limit is

10 km/hour.

Thank you for your Cooperation

# sporting news

Kylie Kickbush  
Sports Program Leader

Welcome back all to the start of the 2015 year and a very busy Term 1 for sporting events at Chanel. Kicking off our sporting year is the Inter-House swimming carnival on Friday 13 February (Week 3) at the town pool. This is an all-day event with students arriving and leaving from the pool (they do not need to come to the College, rolls will be marked down at the pool). Students will have the opportunity to nominate for events during House activities on Monday 2 February. The nominations forms will be on the Student Google site so students can access this form both at school and at home. It is important that students have their nominations in by the date stated on the nomination form as late nominations will not be accepted.

### Port Curtis Trials

The majority of the Port Curtis sporting trials will be held during Term 1. The dates for these trials are on the College calendar, in the student organiser and in the daily notices. Students wanting to nominate for these trials need to put their name on the forms in the blue box found outside the staffroom. If a student has put their name down for a trial, I will forward to them (via their Pastoral Care folder) the parent consent and medical forms. The consent forms MUST be returned to me by the due date as late nominations will not be accepted. Students nominating for Port Curtis trials should have the intention of making themselves available for Capricornia trials.

Please note: 12 Year olds will still compete in the Primary school Port Curtis trials. All nominations for 12 Year students still need to come through the College and the same procedures for nominations mentioned above apply to the 12 Year old students.

Term 1 is very busy with sporting trials for 12 Year olds and 13 – 19 Year olds, so it is important to remind your student to listen to the morning notices for the upcoming trials and to put their name on the nomination sheets in the folders at the blue boxes outside the staffroom.

Nominations are now open for the following sports:

- 12 Years swimming
- 13 – 19 Years swimming
- 19 Years Boys and Girls Softball
- 19 Years Boys and Girls Tennis
- 19 Years Boys and Girls Volleyball
- 15 Years Boys and Girls Volleyball
- 19 Years Boys Cricket
- 16 Years Girls AFL

At Chanel we love celebrating and acknowledging student achievements in the sporting arena. I am not always aware of these achievements but would invite you to share these results with me so, as a community; we can congratulate and share the students sporting success. Please contact me via email or phone to let me know of your students achievements.





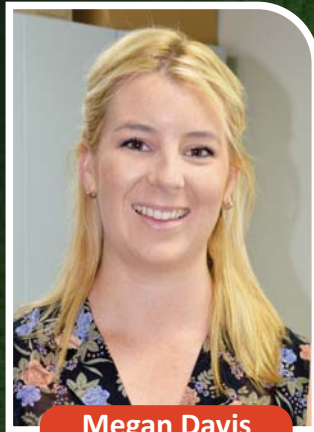


# New Staff

Welcome all new staff to the Chanel Community



**Lynn Herbert**  
Design Technologies  
Curriculum Leader



**Megan Davis**  
Visual Art & RE



**Kerrie Lisle**  
PE & Maths



**Sarah McDonough**  
History, Legal Studies  
& English



**Jaymie Blake**  
Drama, English  
& RE



**Nicole Larney**  
Japanese &  
Learning Support



**Bridget Clarke**  
English & Humanities



**Mark Robinson**  
Health & PE  
Curriculum Leader



**Stephen Wilson**  
PE & Junior Science



**Alana Emerick**  
Religious Education  
Curriculum Leader



**Dani Botica**  
Business & RE



**Vicki Crick**  
Student Services Officer

# Co-Curricular

Wendy Marsh  
Co-Curricular Program Leader



## Sport? Co-Curricular? How will YOU get involved?



*Welcome to Chanel College 2015!*

This week, all students have received an invitation to participate in a wide range of Co-Curricular and Sporting opportunities at Chanel College. The lists are not exhaustive but enable students and parents to discuss options and to plan a balanced, rewarding year. Rather than swamp the students with too much information, the form has been kept simple. If you are unsure, tick the last column and listen out for further information from the organising teacher. If you are unsure about the form, please contact Ms Kickbusch concerning the Sport or Mrs Marsh for the Co-Curricular activities.

Please ensure that both the student and parents sign the form before you return it to your Pastoral Care Teacher before 6 February. Just in case your form gets misplaced, an electronic copy is available on the College website under the Contacts & Links Tab. You will then find it in the Forms & Downloads section (Sporting & Co-Curricular Opportunities)

This is YOUR great opportunity to get involved in 2015!

**Kylie Kickbusch**  
Sports Program Leader

**Wendy Marsh**  
Co-Curricular Program Leader

*Valentine's  
Day*

**CUPCAKES**



*\$2  
each*

**Chanel College Celebrating Valentines Day  
Thursday 12 February 2015**

**TRUTH  
JUSTICE  
HEALING  
COUNCIL**

Coordinating the Catholic Church's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse with a commitment to justice and compassion for survivors

Go to [www.tjhcouncil.org.au](http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au) and subscribe to the Council's weekly newsletter to find out about the Catholic Church and the Royal Commission and details of the Church's reform agenda

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**[www.tjhcouncil.org.au](http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au)**

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**[www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au](http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au)**

# Notices

## STUDENT ACCESS CENTRE

**Do you need help with Assignments? Homework? Careers?**

Available for you are:

Computers & Printers, Resources & Support Material, Friendly Faces.

### HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT HELP

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8.00 am.

Also First Break everyday except Thursdays.

Contact Chanel College's:

Inclusive Curriculum Coordinator: Mrs Robyn Jurd 4973 4739

Career Officer: Ms Cale on 4973 4738



## COLLEGE PHOTOS

Photo Day is on **Monday 2 February**. Students are required to wear their College formal uniform on this day. All envelopes are required to be returned whether or not photos are being ordered. Individual photos will also be taken on Monday as every student receives a Student ID card which is required for use in our College.

**Assistant to the Principal  
Pastoral Support & Planning  
Alison Wales**

## UNIFORM SHOP

### PLEASE NOTE

**New Hours for the Uniform Shop**

Monday: 8.15 am - 11.15 am

Wednesday: 8.15 am - 11.15 am

**Orders can be left at the College Office outside these hours.**

**Michelle Overend**  
Uniform Shop Manager  
Ph: 4973 4705

## OFFICE CLOSED

Please Note:

The College Office will be **CLOSED**

Monday 2 February

8.10 - 8.30 am

Due to Staff Photographs

**Judith Cullen**  
Office Manager

## upcoming events

### Week 2

#### Mon 2 February

- House Assemblies
- School Photos - Formal Uniforms Only

#### Tue 3 February

- Year 7 & 8 Information Evening 6.30 pm Marian Centre

#### Wed 4 February

- Chanel Board Meeting 5.30 pm

#### Thur 5 February

- OPENING MASS - 9.00 am

### Week 3

#### Mon 9 February

- Whole School Assembly
- Year 12 Marine Studies Camp

#### Tue 10 February

- Year 12 Marine Studies Camp

#### Wed 11 February

- Year 12 Marine Studies Camp
- Year 10 Info Evening 6.00 pm
- Year 11 Info Evening 7.00 pm

#### Thur 12 February

- Year 12 Marine Studies Camp
- Valentine's Day Celebration

#### Fri 13 February

- Inter House Swimming Carnival

### Week 4

#### Mon 16 February

- Student Free Day
- Bishops's Inservice Day

#### Tue 17 February

- Year 8 Retreat
- House Assemblies

#### Wed 18 February

- Ash Wednesday House Liturgies
- P & F Meeting 5.30 pm

#### Thur 19 February

- Year 8 Retreat

#### Fri 20 February

- Year 8 Retreat
- Year 7 Social 6.30 pm
- Year 7 Parents Wine & Cheese Evening



27 January 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find attached a [summary of responses](#) received from the two major parties to issues that we have put to them in the lead up to the State election. The [full response](#) from each party is available on the QCEC website.

We are grateful to both parties for their responses and we provide these responses to you as voters to inform your own decision making as it relates to Catholic education.

We urge you to consider the responses provided and the impact each party's proposed policies may have on your child's education.

We have also received responses from the minor political parties. These [responses](#) are also available on our website.

We welcome responses from all parties.

Yours sincerely

Mike Byrne  
Executive Director  
Queensland Catholic Education Commission

Carmel Nash  
Executive Director  
Queensland Federation of Parents & Friends

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## SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO COMMITMENTS SOUGHT BY QCEC AND THE QUEENSLAND P&F FEDERATION QUEENSLAND STATE ELECTION 31 JANUARY 2015

AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY RESPONSE <a href="#">Link to full response from ALP</a>	LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY RESPONSE <a href="#">Link to full response from LNP</a>
<b>1. Annual per student funding that keeps pace with the rising costs of education</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If elected Labor will continue the existing method of providing state funding to Catholic and independent schools through the basket-nexus formula. As the cost of educating a child increases in the state system there will be a commensurate increase in per student funding to the Catholic system.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The LNP Government is committed to ensuring all Queensland children receive a first class education, regardless of which sector provides that education.</li> <li>We support parents' right to choose the school they believe will be best for their child and consistent with their personal values or faith.</li> <li>The LNP Government is committed to continuing its close engagement with QCEC to ensure that Catholic schools in Queensland have the certainty they will be able to continue to provide Queensland families with an affordable and high quality choice when it comes to education.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Increased capital funding to deliver the additional student places required to meet the needs of Queensland's growing population</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Queensland Labor appreciates that the schools planning process currently underway has widespread support among education stakeholders and we will continue this collaborative process. We also believe there is an appropriate role for government to provide capital grants to the non-state schooling sector for the construction of new schools and upgrades of existing schools.</li> <li>A Labor Government will provide an additional \$37 million (\$25 million for the Catholic School sector) in capital grants for the non-state schooling sector in each of the 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The LNP Government supports the right of parents to send their children to a Catholic school and recognises the responsibility of government to provide an appropriate share of capital funding for those schools.</li> <li>The <i>Future Schools Fund</i> will include \$700 million to provide up to 22 new schools across the state, ensuring that we plan properly for a bright future for Queensland kids.</li> <li>A re-elected LNP Government will be informed by the current policy framework for capital funding and other capital contributions to government, Catholic and independent schools on the basis of the recommendations provided to the Government by the <i>Queensland Schools Planning Commission</i>.</li> <li>Proposals for capital funding from any of the three sectors will be considered when the detailed arrangements for the fund are established.</li> <li>The capital funding to be made available under the <i>Future Schools Fund</i> will be an additional investment by a re-elected LNP Government.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Support for Students With Disability (SWD)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In government, Queensland Labor will examine the possibility of creating teams of specialists to ensure all children in our state, whether they are educated in state, Catholic or independent schools are assessed for disability support and are provided with the help they need.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The LNP Government is committed to ensuring that all Queenslanders are provided with the appropriate support to enable them to achieve positive educational outcomes.</li> <li>We are committed to further consultation with QCEC and the independent sector to ensure that students with a disability continue to have access to high quality specialist staff, and are open to providing access, support and advice on a fee for service basis.</li> <li>Re NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme): We welcome the opportunity to work with QCEC and other key stakeholders in the education sector should we be re-elected.</li> </ul>

<p><b>4. Support for Vocational Education and Training (VET) for secondary school students</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Labor Government will invest \$34 million to rebuild the Queensland TAFE system. In particular we will invest \$5 million over three years to increase the number of courses available through VET in schools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With respect to accessibility (to VET) for those living in regional and rural areas, Registered Training Organisations (RTO) will often offer training delivery in a variety of modes and formats and online delivery is accessible for many qualifications.</li> <li>• In relation to the options available for female students under the <i>Employment Stream</i> ..... our VET Investment Plan is reviewed every year and these concerns will be given due consideration ahead of the release of the 2015/16 VET Investment Plan.</li> <li>• QCEC currently receives \$866,200 annually. We are committed to actively reviewing the VET allocation beyond 2015.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Parent Engagement Strategies</b> The Catholic sector is seeking a commitment from the next Queensland Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• work collaboratively to support strategies to enhance parent engagement across all Queensland schools</li> <li>• provide \$250,000 in funding to enable the Catholic sector to roll out its recently developed framework for parent engagement, including a bank of resources and standards that enable schools to measure their success</li> <li>• collaboratively devise and support a program of research and planning to further connect schools and playgroups and assist parents with the necessary tools in the vital first three years.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queensland Labor is encouraged by the ongoing research and evidence which demonstrates that strategies to involve parents in their children's education have real and lasting benefits.</li> <li>• We will work with the Catholic sector to design and support parent engagement strategies with an appropriate program of research to analyse the efficacy of particular actions. A Labor Government will make available \$250,000 over three years to the Queensland P&amp;F Association to roll out its parent engagement strategy in Catholic schools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ The LNP Government welcomes QCEC's desire to work collaboratively to support strategies to enhance parent engagement.</li> <li>▲ This includes empowering families and providing opportunities for them to be engaged in their child's learning, and enabling regular and valued two-way communication with parents and communities about children and their school. (We).....look forward to further consultation as we work to finalise the <i>Queensland Education Accord</i> and our shared vision for the future of education in our state.</li> <li>• With respect to your request for \$250,000 in funding to enable the Catholic sector to roll out its new framework for parent engagement, we will be making new policy announcements to enhance the LNP's strong plan for Queensland over the remaining days of the election campaign.</li> </ul>