



Diocese of Toowoomba
CATHOLIC EDUCATION

MEDIA ADVISORY

Attention: News Editors

What: National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence – launch of Antibullying Resource Collection

Where: St Anthony's Primary School, Memory St, Toowoomba, 4350

When: Wednesday 16 or Thursday 17 March 2016 – to enable story for Friday, 18 March 2016, the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Time: between 9am and 3pm for pre-arranged interviews

Catholic Schools continue to say No Way to Bullying and Violence

An opportunity to interview the teacher who has created an Antibullying Resource kit for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Toowoomba and the Principal and some children at St Anthony's school, the school in which the teacher works. This kit is to be launched across the Diocese on Friday, 18 March 2016 as a part of the sixth annual National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

For further information or to arrange the interviews and visit to the school, please contact Tracey Flint, Governance and Policy Advisor via email at tracey.flint@twb.catholic.edu.au or phone 4637 1420.

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About the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba

The Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba covers the geographic areas of the Darling Downs, the Granite Belt, Maranoa, Warrego and Gregory South Districts of Queensland.

The Diocese provides a wide range of services to these communities including:

- Schools (education)
- Social welfare
- Aged care

Provision of these services makes a significant contribution to strengthening and supporting the social and economic fabric of these local communities and supporting the Government's policies.

About Catholic Schools

The largest of the services provided by the Diocese is education. Since 1973 Catholic Schools (formerly Catholic Education) has worked collaboratively with support from the Federal and State governments and other non-state school sectors to provide a quality education to students across the Diocese.

Close to 10,000 students from more than 6,070 families are receiving a Catholic education in 31 schools across the Diocese.

Catholic schools are supported by a administrative office that employs more than 1,300 staff to provide quality teaching and support services to students and their families.

The support provided to schools is through the services of education, policy, governance, accountability, resourcing and school improvement. The administrative office employs over 80 staff whose functions are to:

- Provide curriculum implementation, teacher development and support, inclusive education and indigenous education support which aligns with the objectives set by the Federal and State governments
- Provide advocacy support and representation, development and implementation of policies which respond to the objectives set by the Church, Federal and State governments
- Ensure compliance of regulations, procedures and guidelines set by the Church, Federal and State governments
- Provide accountability in the implementation and support of frameworks which monitor, report and provide feedback on outcomes on objectives set by the Church, Federal and State governments such as curriculum, learning, teaching and assessment, student protection, work health and safety etc
- Provide corporate services such as HR, finance, capital development, administration, ICT demonstrating effective stewardship
- Implement and support schools improvement frameworks in line with objectives set by the Federal and State governments

School funding

Catholic schools receive about 81% of the total average government annual funding per student received by government schools (\$9,238 / student in a Catholic school vs \$11,440 / student for a government school).

Children educated in Catholic schools deliver significant savings to the Queensland government and taxpayers.

Funding for Catholic schools equates to:

- 59% provided by the Australian government
- 20% by the Queensland government
- 21% is provided by parent and community contributions.