

**Child Abuse Reference Team**  
**Catholic Education Office Diocese of Toowoomba**  
**Monday 23 February, 2009**

**Task: To develop a pastoral and professional response to:**

- the sexual abuse of children by a teacher in a Toowoomba Catholic school.
- allegations that reporting legislation has been breached by Catholic authorities in relation to this matter.

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Briefing on the events
3. Possible scenarios/outcomes
4. Identification of key elements of a response strategy
  - Pastoral/emotional
  - Professional/systemic
  - Communications/Media
  - Legal
  - Resources required

**Target groups**

- Victims and families
- School parent community
- School staff
- Catholic Education Office personnel
- Diocesan principals
- Wider diocesan Catholic education community
- Wider diocesan Church community
- Diocesan clergy
- Wider community
- Media
- Other

5. Develop an action plan/response strategy
  - Investigation phase
  - Recovery phase
  - Maintenance phase
  - What/By who/By when