



**Non-State Schools
Accreditation Board**

Queensland Government

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Bishop William M Morris DD
The Corporation of the Roman
Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba
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Dear Bishop Morris

Re: the primary school

I refer to the email from Mr John Borserio dated 28 October 2009.

Mr Borserio's email requests comment from the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board on a copy of the latest proposed media release from The Corporation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba.

There are several problems, from the Board's perspective, with the draft. The main point of concern is that the statement in the *Media Release* of 30 September 2009 that the Board's investigation is complete is not directly corrected. To say, now, that the Board's investigation is "continuing", as the draft states, simply contradicts the earlier media release, and leaves open to journalists and other recipients of the release a number of possible interpretations of the actual situation, and therefore the possibility of further inaccuracies being published. These inaccuracies are difficult to correct after they have occurred.

A fresh problem arises in the current draft, namely that it is implied that the Toowoomba Catholic Education Office is the Governing Body of the primary school. This is clearly not the case, and would, if published, be a serious misrepresentation of the role of the Office.

In view of these concerns, the Board now takes the view that no useful purpose is likely to be served by further media releases that refer to the Board's investigation. I therefore request that your latest media release, and any future media releases, do not refer to the status or detail of the Board's investigation at all.

Yours sincerely

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