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BY COURIER

Emeritus Professor VI McLean AM
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 Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
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Dear Professor McLean

The Corporation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba Student Protection Policy and Procedure

We act for the Corporation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba.

We enclose eleven bound copies of our client's Student Protection Policy and Procedure (the policy).

With respect to the Non State Schools Accreditation Board's (the Board) letter of 18 November 2009 we advise (adopting the Board's numbering):

1. the policy now includes a commencement page headed "Student Protection Contact and Officer School Authority" for customisation for each individual school within the diocese;
2. the Category 1 Mandatory Reporting Form has been amended at Part B to provide for reporting to the Relevant State Authority ie. the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Communities (Child Safety Services);
3. the issues identified by the Board as being better converted to stand alone policies have been removed from the policy;
4. a section headed "Identifying Harm" has been included in the policy;
5. the definitions have been reviewed and amended as appropriate to address the Board's concerns and better reflect the relevant legislation;
6. reference to "Director of Professional Standards" has been removed from the policy (see also paragraph 3 above) and the references to "Director" and "Director of the school's governing body" have been clarified throughout the policy;

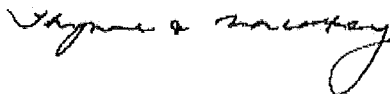
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7. the policy has been:
- (a) consolidated into one document (ie. It is no longer in Parts A and B);
 - (b) divided for ease of reference (and tabbed accordingly) into sections headed:
 - (i) Identifying Harm
 - (ii) Responding
 - (iii) Reporting
 - (iv) Recording
 - (v) Supporting
 - (c) significantly amended to remove repetition and clarify terminology for consistency;
 - (d) outsourced by our client to a graphic design / creative consultant for presentation purposes.

Our client considers that the policy now fully complies with the legislative requirements and the matters of non-compliance identified by the Board.

If there are any further matters which you require our client to address, please advise.

Yours faithfully



Thynne & Macartney