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Agenda Primary and Secondary Principals' Meeting
THURSDAY 19th July 2012
Venue: Balonne Skill Centre
 2/2 Victoria Street, St George

Theme: Relationships

A commitment to social justice and an inclusive community is a core part of the Mission of the Diocese of Toowoomba. Creating and maintaining 'right relationships' between all peoples is something that we strive for. We cannot act for justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples in isolation from them. Any action must spring from strong and respectful relationships. We need to be in a positive relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for us to be able to 'walk the talk' of our faith. This needs to go beyond symbolic actions and efforts to consult to real friendship and full participation. (Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba, Reconciliation Action Plan 2011-2012. Artwork by Kim Walmsley).



- 8.30 am: Prayer – John Coman.
 9.00 am: Director.
 9.30 am: School Improvement – Paul Murphy.

Paul will address the selection of a trial component of the newly developed Framework and how schools could review a component. Being able to conduct trials of any new program is integral to successful implementation. This will be your chance to find out the positives and any possible negatives of the process so that next year your school will be well placed to include reviews as part of your planning.

It should also assist the CEO will planning for 2013 – our budgeting process is about to start and information gathered by this meeting and the subsequent reviews you conduct will be most helpful to alignment of activity between CEO and schools. Very exciting!

QCT: 10 Commit to reflective practice and professional renewal.

- 10.30 am: Morning tea.
 11.00 am: Flying Start – Year 7 to Secondary, AITSL developments – Terry Carter.

Terry will give an overview of her role assisting the system in responding to these developments across the state and nationally. Principals are keen to be informed as to the steps involved in the movement of students to secondary and the resulting changes to the staffing profile in primary schools. Are there other initiatives important to this exercise? What should we be saying to current staff who might be interested in moving to secondary? How can secondary colleges prepare for this change? These and other questions are being asked.

AITSL –“Promoting Excellence in the profession of teaching and school leadership”.
Terry is facilitating consultation in connection with identification of best practice and suggestions for support required for effective implementation of the proposed AITSL framework to promote excellence in teaching and school leadership.

QCT: 9 Contribute effectively to professional teams.

12.00: Student Protection – Peter Simpson.

Peter will bring us up to date with the new legislation, what is being planned for professional development next year, and what resources are being prepared for school use.

QCT: Create and maintain safe and supportive learning environments.

12.30 pm: Lunch.

1.10pm: Employment matters – Margaret Hendriks.

In response to some administrative issues related to the process for approving leave, and the risk management requirements for relief/supply staff, the purpose of this session is to assist with understandings about the purposes of requirements and the priority that needs to be placed on recruiting and managing the best staff available. The Director and Student Protection Officer will be present to assist with providing clarification / information if required.

QCT: Create and maintain safe and supportive learning environments.

Questions – Meeting close. 2.30pm.