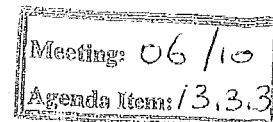


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Sent to Craun Law  
17 May 2010

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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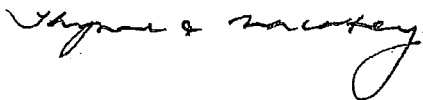
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7. the policy has been:
- (a) consolidated into one document (ie. it is no longer in Parts A and B);
  - (b) divided for ease of reference (and tabbed accordingly) into sections headed:
    - (i) Identifying Harm
    - (ii) Responding
    - (iii) Reporting
    - (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**