



Monday 20 April 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In July 2019, the Diocese farewelled Mr Peter Hamill as the Director of Schools for the Catholic Schools Office. Peter left the Diocese to take up an important role as the Deputy Director of the National Catholic Education Commission. Since that time Dr Tony Bracken, Assistant Director - School Improvement, generously agreed to temporarily assume the role of Acting Director.

Amidst these challenging times for our Catholic education, it is clear to me that our Catholic Schools Office is in need of additional support and resources. With this in mind, I am delighted to announce that Mr Danny Casey has been appointed to the role of Interim Director of Schools for the next 12 months, effective as from Monday 20 April 2020. Mr Casey's appointment will allow Dr Bracken to return to his previous role and continue the important work of ensuring that our schools provide the very best in quality Catholic education for our children. Dr Bracken remains a key advisor to me and he will collaborate closely with Mr Casey in this regard. Within the next twelve months I will recruit for the permanent position of Director of Schools. Please be assured of my personal commitment and priority in ensuring the provision of quality Catholic education for the young people of our Diocese.

An active member of St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills, many of you will know Mr Casey from when he was the Chief Executive Officer for the 23rd World Youth Day held in Sydney in 2008. During that time, he successfully navigated the enormous challenges which come with managing an event that attracted more than 400,000 young people and had a worldwide audience of more than 1.4 billion. Mr Casey was also previously the Business Manager for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. After leaving the Sydney Archdiocese, Mr Casey spent more than two years as Director of the Secretariat for the Economy for Vatican City. Since returning from Rome, he has taken up various board and consulting appointments in the Catholic sector. Mr Casey brings with him significant academic and professional achievements. I have included a letter from him to you as part of my announcement and an introduction to him.

I take this opportunity to thank Dr Bracken most sincerely for his leadership during the past eight months. He has provided much needed stability and guidance to the CSO and all his colleagues during this time of transition and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. He has worked tirelessly and faithfully throughout, and I am most appreciative and sincerely very grateful.

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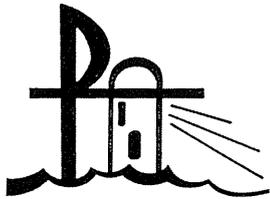


Please join me in welcoming Mr Casey as the Interim Director of Schools, a key addition to the CSO leadership team.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Anthony Randazzo

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL
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Dear colleagues and parents,

I am delighted to be appointed as the Interim Director of Schools in the Diocese and very much look forward to connecting with you in the times ahead.

The Catholic schools of Broken Bay have a wonderful history of service to the community. Through the dedicated service of our teachers, the support staff and all those who serve in the Catholic Schools Office we have shaped the lives of many thousands of students - helping them grow in their faith and achieve their potential.

Catholic schools deliver well beyond the curriculum and the schools in our Diocese continue the proud tradition of Catholic education that has shaped so many in our country.

This work has always been, and of course will continue to be, undertaken in a spirit of collaboration with parents and our local parish priests. We will continue to be driven by our firm commitment to our Catholic faith - as we deliver an environment where our faith is lived out and our witness is clear for all those who attend our schools.

I am a product of Catholic education and continue to be enormously grateful to the hard working teachers who helped me on my academic, as well as, my faith journey. I have never forgotten the great privilege it was to attend a Catholic school and the many sacrifices my parents made to enable me to attend my local Catholic school. It shaped my life for which I am very thankful.

While my working life has taken me to many different places, I have never been far from supporting Catholic education - including working closely with the Sydney Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese and also serving on the Board of the University of Notre Dame for 10 years.

Broken Bay schools have a clear purpose and enormous potential. Under the leadership of Bishop Anthony Randazzo and with the support of our teachers, priests and our many dedicated staff, we will unlock our potential, deliver our mission and strive to serve our students, their parents and all in our Broken Bay community.

While immediate challenges of COVID-19 may limit the opportunity to meet, I do look forward to engaging directly as soon as this is possible. In the meantime, we will look to establish suitable methods to exchange ideas and to hear from you.

Thank you for your support of our schools.

Yours sincerely,

Danny Casey
Interim Director of Schools

A ministry of leadership and service to Catholic Schools