



Review of the Catholic Education System in Southern Tasmania

Invitation for written submissions

Introduction

KPMG has been engaged by the Archbishop of Hobart, Julian Porteous and the Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission (TCEC) to undertake a review of the Catholic Education 'system' in southern Tasmania. This review will occur from November 2017 to 30 April 2018.

The review has been brought about by a range of contextual factors including:

- Funding uncertainty and the long term financial impacts of the new Gonski 2.0 reforms
- New State laws including the extension of some high schools to years 11 and 12
- Changing demographics including ageing populations and more rapid growth in Sorell, Kingborough and Brighton

In addition to a wide range of meetings that will occur with stakeholders, the Project Steering Committee is pleased to invite written submissions from Catholic Schools in the southern region of Tasmania. We would encourage broad engagement among your school community in the framing of your submission.

Set out below are the Guiding Principles and Objectives of the Review and some specific questions that aim to guide the structure of your written submission.

Terms of Reference

Guiding Principles

- The Review is to provide recommendations focused on the **best interests of students** receiving a Catholic education into the future.
- The preferred option(s) need to be both **viable and sustainable for 10 to 20 years**.
- The **fundamental Catholic principles** of subsidiarity, co-responsibility and common good and Catholic education's preferential option for the poor and marginalised will underpin deliberations and subsequent documentation development made within the Report.
- The areas for review will be based on the **four domains of the Archbishop's Charter** – Catholic identity, Leadership, Learning and Resourcing for Mission

Objectives

The objectives of the review are to provide a report and recommendations to the Archbishop and the Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission on:

- **Current curriculum provision, attainment data, and pathway information** for students in Kinder to Year 12 in Catholic schools in the Greater Hobart region.
- The **alignment and effectiveness of transitions** within Catholic education from Kinder to Primary to Junior Secondary to Senior Secondary including Vocational Education and Training (VET).
- **Options** to support the educational needs of our **students now and into the future** in light of **current and emerging** educational provision within the Hobart region.



Questions to guide your written submissions

1. What elements of Catholic education in southern Tasmania are working well?
2. What do you believe to be the key issues currently facing Catholic education in southern Tasmania?
3. What does your **own school** look like in 5, 10, 15 and 20 years?
4. Given a 'blank canvas', how would your school community see the provisioning of Catholic Education in Southern Tasmania for the next 20 years, in respect to
 - i. Pre-compulsory schooling (birth to 4)
 - ii. Early child hood schooling (kinder to grade 2)
 - iii. Primary schooling (grades 3 to 4)
 - iv. Middle schooling (grades 5 to 8)
 - v. Secondary schooling (grades 9 to 10)
 - vi. Senior secondary schooling (grades 11 and 12)
5. Again, thinking about the 'blank canvas', what is the view of your school community in relation to:
 - i. Maintaining the Catholic Identity
 - ii. Vocational education and training provisioning
 - iii. Single sex and co-educational schooling
 - iv. Alternative structures for schooling having regard to factors such as, but not limited to, gifted students, students with special learning needs, flexible learning, on-line delivery methods etc.
6. What do you see as the potential risks/ challenges in moving towards the future you envision?
7. What do see as being a transition pathway to move from now to the future you have envisioned?
8. What other matters would you like to raise, within the Terms of Reference that the review should consider?

Contact details and timeline

Please email your confidential written submissions to sgardam@kpmg.com.au

The intended deadline for written submissions is Friday 22nd December. Should further time be required, kindly contact Shanae to make alternative arrangements.

We sincerely thank you for your interest in this Review and look forward to receiving your written submission.