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To All Stakeholders

Dear Colleagues,

We write to advise you that we have made the very difficult decision to delay the opening of Catherine McAuley Catholic College, Medowie, until 2021.

This is the result of us being acutely aware of unexpected planning delays and that it cannot be guaranteed that major infrastructure projects would be completed in time for the school to be opened for the 2020 school year - hence this decision.

We are making this announcement in order to alert families of the initial Year 7 cohort so that they can make alternative plans for students who were aiming to attend the school in 2020. This decision, difficult as it is, aims to give parents and carers suitable planning time for their child.

While we are disappointed and saddened that we have had to make this decision, the factors causing this delay are beyond our control.

Despite this setback, we will now be in a position to start Catherine McAuley Catholic College in the strongest possible manner and to ensure we provide the students with an outstanding educational setting.

To this end, the Foundation Principal, Mr Scott Donohoe, will still commence his appointment from January 2019 and the building remains on track.

We are bitterly disappointed for the initial cohort that have been awaiting this exciting outcome over the past two years. However, we have no choice other than to determine an outcome for families. Rest assured this has been a highly challenging, but ultimately logical decision, to make.

The College Chapel will be completed by early 2020 and will not be effected by the College delay. As soon as access is complete, the chapel will be activated.

If you have any enquiries, please discuss with your Principal or Parish Priest or be welcome to contact Gail Hill on 49791207 or email gail.hill@mn.catholic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely



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