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Dear Members of the St Agnes and St Clare's Community

On 28 February, changes to the delivery of Catholic secondary education in the greater Mount Druitt community were announced to the communities of St Agnes Catholic College Rooty Hill, St Clare's Catholic College Hassall Grove and Loyola Senior High School Mt Druitt. A key change will see both St Agnes and St Clare's become a Years 7-12 school (Year 11 to be offered from 2019 and Year 12 from 2020).

The reimagining of all three secondary schools was driven by strong aspirations for the young people of western Sydney and a desire to prepare them for a rapidly changing and complex world.

It was also announced at that time that a revised leadership structure at St Agnes and St Clare's, to take effect from 2019, would be developed.

The addition of Year 11 and Year 12 at St Agnes and St Clare's means that as these school grows, there will be a need for additional staff. As announced earlier, the senior leadership of both schools remains the same (with Ms Cheryl Merryweather as Relieving Principal at St Clare's for Terms 3 and 4). The role of Religious Education Coordinator will be renamed 'Head of Mission'. However, there will changes to the other leadership roles at both schools. Today, this revised model was shared with the staff of St Agnes and St Clare's.

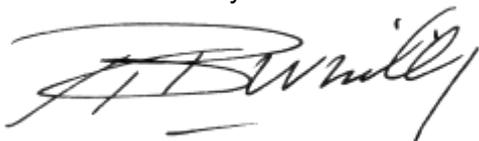
Over the next few months, the process of finalising the staffing arrangements for St Agnes and St Clare's will take place. This process will take place in a very open and transparent way.

I want to assure you that the needs of all students are our highest priority. During this time of transition, we will continue to ensure that every student's learning is not disrupted.

While I recognise that change can sometimes create uncertainty for some people, at the heart of the process is ensuring that students have whatever they require to be successful learners.

Thank you for your understanding as together we work to respond to the needs of our students in the greater Mount Druitt area.

Yours sincerely



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