

DIOCESE OF SALE CATHOLIC EDUCATION LTD.

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Dear parents, guardians and carers,

As we approach the time for the resumption of face to face teaching in our schools, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support provided to our Catholic education system here in the Diocese of Sale.

We have recognized the particular challenges faced by parents, guardians and carers in your endeavours to ensure the effectiveness of the programs being offered by our schools through teaching packages and the on-line learning and teaching model.

Your support for our principals, teachers and support staff is much appreciated.

The overall percentage attendance of students in Catholic schools across the Diocese indicates that only those children and young people who could not reasonably be supported in their learning at home have attended at school.

Our highest priority throughout this period has been the health and well-being of students, staff and families. This could not be achieved without the on-going support and understanding of the families who have entrusted their children and young people to our care.

I am aware of many small acts of kindness and practical support offered to the staff in our schools by families during this period. I know our school staffs have been touched by this.

As Catholic communities, committed to being examples of Christ in our midst, we have worked through this crisis together and will continue to do so in this next phase. I look forward to the time when we can return to what will be the "new normal" for our Catholic school communities.

On behalf of the entire staff of the Catholic Education Office of the Sale Diocese, I offer you our heartfelt thanks. Please know you, as parents, guardians and carers of the precious children and young people in our schools, continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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