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## STATEMENT FROM THE CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Catholic Board of Education is aware of the pain being expressed by a number of past and present pupils in our Catholic School community. Racism or any form of exclusion at our schools is contrary to one of the key tenets of Catholic social teaching: that the dignity and value of the human person is of paramount importance. It is a core value of the ethos of our schools, and is the required responsibility of every member of the school community.

We recognise that some of our children and staff have not experienced that their dignity and personhood are valued, and many of our schools are grappling with finding the most compassionate and practical ways to respond to this issue of injustice. The CBE is in an ongoing process of consulting, discerning and finding ways to support and enable schools to examine this issue, and to respond appropriately.

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