



To Parents and Caregivers in the Diocese of Broken Bay

Friday 14 September 2018
Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Dear friends,

It is my great privilege to share news about the implementation of our new Diocesan Office for Safeguarding.

In 2017 Bishop Peter commissioned a Review of Safeguarding across the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay by Mr Kelvin Simon, formally a Senior Investigation Officer for the NSW Ombudsman. The Simon Report furnished Bishop Peter with 20 Recommendations – all of which he accepted and sought to implement in a way that the Diocese could incorporate.

On 29 June Bishop Peter provided his formal promulgation of a new Diocesan Office for Safeguarding. In the period since Bishop Peter's departure from us, we have faithfully implemented his directions, and I share with this letter, the Charter for the new Diocesan Office that details its structure and organization. Bishop Peter's commitment to Safeguarding will be one of his enduring legacies to our Diocese.

It is with pleasure that I announce the appointment of the Director for the Diocesan Office for Safeguarding, Mrs Jodie Crisafulli, and two of three Managers for Safeguarding - each with responsibility for Safeguarding in the different sectors of our Diocesan life: Ms Tamara Hughes, Manager for Safeguarding (CSO), and Ms Melinda Rixon, Manager for Safeguarding (CatholicCare). We look forward to the appointment of a new Manager for Safeguarding (Chancery) who will have responsibility for parishes and clergy.

Our new Diocesan Director for Safeguarding, supported by our new Safeguarding Executive of the three Safeguarding Managers, will be informed by the appointment of a Safeguarding Strategic Advisory Panel which will bring national and international policy and best practice advice to our endeavour. They will also be accountable to a Safeguarding Review Panel which will provide independent evaluation of the redress we seek to provide those who have suffered abuse.

Please be assured of my prayer for God's blessings for each of you,

Very Rev Dr David Ranson
Diocesan Administrator