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Dear friends

As you are aware, changes were recently announced to the provision of secondary schooling in the Greater Mt Druitt area. These changes will see St Agnes Rooty Hill and St Clare's Hassall Grove enrol students into Year 11 for the first time in 2019 (and Year 12 beyond that), and Loyola Senior High reimagined as an exciting new 'enterprise skills hub' that will provide outstanding 21st century learning experiences, including trade training, for senior students across the Diocese of Parramatta.

These changes will also mean adjustments to the structure of the Catholic Trade Training Centre (CTTC) at McCarthy Catholic College. The revised structure will bring the McCarthy CTTC facility into a new and enhanced partnership with the Loyola CTTC site, creating more opportunities for students at both campuses. In effect, the McCarthy CTTC will become a partner campus of the Loyola Enterprise Skills Hub. It will mean that the students on the McCarthy CTTC site will have access to the new offerings at Loyola, with Loyola students equally able to take advantage of existing opportunities at the McCarthy CTTC. This arrangement will provide more students with access to an even wider range of pathways to prepare them for the world of work and further learning.

I wish to reassure you that this new arrangement will not affect the way students access trade training at McCarthy. It simply formalises a partnership that has existed between the CTTCs for over a decade. The result of this new arrangement will be that future students will have available to them a broader range of learning opportunities, experiences and pathways.

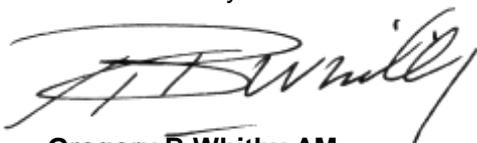
The existing very successful School Based Apprenticeship and Training (SBAT) programs at McCarthy CTTC will remain. The changes outlined will mean that students will be able to study and learn in a wider range of trade and non-trade vocational areas. Given the shared site, there will also remain many opportunities for shared services and activities between McCarthy Catholic College and the CTTC.

Planning for the new enterprise skills hub at Loyola, which will include enhanced collaboration with the McCarthy CTTC, is well underway. It is proposed that the transition to these changes will begin from the beginning of the 2019 school year. In the meantime, students will continue to enrol at the McCarthy CTTC as they do now.

While I appreciate that the prospect of change can create apprehension for some, this is a unique and exciting opportunity to reshape and enhance the vocational education and enterprise skills offerings to students of McCarthy CTTC as well as to those across Western Sydney.

I will provide you with updates on the ongoing planning process in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely



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