



PUBLIC STATEMENT BY CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

Unauthorised access to restricted data

On 13 September 2018, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) notified the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) about a data breach that falls within the scope of the *Privacy Act 1988*. The breach occurred as a result of unauthorised access to CEDP information. Some of the documents accessed include sensitive information.

I sincerely apologise that this data breach has occurred.

We are making all reasonable attempts to contact people affected by this breach and responding individually to their needs. This includes providing counselling services if required.

We have also been working closely with NSW Police, information security experts and the OAIC by:

- taking all necessary action to assist the Police
- taking every step needed to respond to this data breach and complying fully with the *Privacy Act*
- further strengthening information security protocols.

Please immediately report to Crimestoppers (1800 333 000) any information that may be of assistance to NSW Police.

I acknowledge that this incident will be distressing for some people directly affected by the breach and for others as well.

We will continue to do everything we can to support those affected.

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