

Media Release

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Catholic Education SA responds to Emergency Management Direction

The Emergency Management (Education and Early Childhood Settings Vaccination) (COVID-19) Direction 2021 announced today will impact staff and volunteers across the 102 Catholic schools in South Australia including those in pre-schools, early learning centres, boarding houses, vacation care and OSHC environments.

“The safety of our staff, students and school families is our priority,” says Dr Neil McGoran, Director, Catholic Education SA.

“Throughout the pandemic all three school sectors – Catholic, Independent and Government – have worked closely together and we will continue to do so.”

“While I understand that there are different views in our community about vaccination, we rely on the evidence-based advice of SA Health and the SA Government, and we appreciate that this Direction has been provided in the best interests of children and young people.

“We will be working closely with our principals, staff, volunteers and contractors to ensure that they understand the requirements of this Direction.

“In line with the Direction, anyone with a valid medical exemption will not be required to have a vaccination.”

“I expect that our staff and families will treat each other with kindness and respect as we work through the details of what this means for our schools, services and offices.

Catholic Education SA will continue to place all COVID-19 updates on the website:

www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts

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