

**Catholic Schools Office  
Diocese of Lismore**

**Parent Partnership Survey 2014  
Invitation to Parents, Clergy and Principals**



Centre for Children  
and Young People



The Catholic Schools Office (CSO) has contracted the services of Southern Cross University (SCU) to assist its current review of parent/school partnership initiatives across the Diocese of Lismore. A short (20 minute) online survey has been developed for Principals, parents and clergy to share views about parent-school partnership in a confidential and anonymous way. The survey has been emailed directly to all invited participants, with provision made for paper copy completion as well.

Specifically, the online survey will map the ways parents are currently engaged in their children's education, provide feedback on current partnership initiatives and identify ways to strengthen the ways schools work with parents. To take part in this online survey you need to be:

- 1) A parent or carer of a child who is enrolled in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Lismore; OR a Principal of a parish school in the Lismore Diocese; OR a Parish Priest responsible for one or more of these schools.
- 2) Able to access a computer and an internet connection *or* contact Dr. Donnah Anderson at Southern Cross University ([dannah.anderson@scu.edu.au](mailto:dannah.anderson@scu.edu.au)) for a hard copy of the survey to be posted to you.
- 3) Aged 18 years or older.

Southern Cross University has the following ethical requirements that must be closely adhered to for this survey (Ethics approval number: ECN—14-196):

- 1) Participation in the survey is voluntary, and you will not be asked for your name.
- 2) Submission of your responses online will be understood as giving your consent to participate.
- 3) No individual, school or parish will be identified in any publication.
- 4) If you decide to start the survey you can stop at any time with no negative consequences.
- 5) All information will be stored securely at the University in password-protected computer files for 7 years, which only relevant Centre for Children and Young People staff will access.
- 6) If you have complaints or reservations about any ethical aspect of this research, you may contact the Ethics Complaints Officer by telephone: (02)66269139; or email: [ethics.lismore@scu.edu.au](mailto:ethics.lismore@scu.edu.au). Any complaint you make will be treated in confidence and you will be informed of the outcome.

Survey findings will be distributed to parents, clergy and principals by the Catholic Schools Office. If you have any questions about the survey instrument please contact Dr Donnah Anderson by phone on (02) 6620 3698 or by email at [dannah.anderson@scu.edu.au](mailto:dannah.anderson@scu.edu.au). Dr John Graham is the CSO contact for this project and can be contacted on (02) 66220422.

Yours sincerely

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