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Dear Members of the Loyola Community

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has been carefully considering the structure of our secondary schools in the Mount Druitt, Rooty Hill and Hassall Grove communities. This follows a review that has spanned more than two years. Our decision-making has been driven by strong aspirations for the young people of Western Sydney.

With this in mind, I announce today that Loyola Senior High will be renewed to provide even more access to high quality enterprise skills and vocational education and training. I want to make it clear that Loyola will not be closing. However, this year's Year 11 cohort will be the final intake of students into Loyola in its current form. Students in Year 11 this year will continue through to the completion of their Year 12 studies in 2019. At the same time, new students will continue to be enrolled into the Loyola Catholic Trade Training Centre in 2019 and beyond.

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will add to the many opportunities currently available through the Loyola Catholic Trade Training Centre to grow future career options for students. We will build on our strong existing relationships with employers, industry and other groups to provide students with even more real-world, vocational education and training options.

Also in 2019, both St Clare's Catholic High School, Hassall Grove and St Agnes Catholic High School, Rooty Hill will have a Year 11 intake for the first time. This decision, together with a new approach to delivering the very best skills and vocational training for young people through Loyola, is a direct response to the needs of the students in the Mount Druitt, Hassall Grove and Rooty Hill communities.

I appreciate that today's announcement may create uncertainty for some members of the Loyola Senior High community. I want to assure you, as well as your sons and daughters, that the needs of our current students are our highest priority and we will work to ensure that their learning is not disrupted as a consequence of these changes. Their current pattern of study will not change.

I look forward to the next stage of Loyola's journey in preparing its students for a complex and rapidly changing world. I am confident that these plans will prove an exciting opportunity for the whole community. We are also committed to providing the community with more information and opportunities for feedback as the process unfolds.

Yours sincerely



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