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Dear Parents & Carers,

Funding Changes for Your Catholic School

You are invited to attend one of the five parent forums I am holding to discuss some of the serious concerns I have about the long-term funding of our schools and to explain the problems and risks of the Government's proposed funding model and how this could impact your local Catholic school. Teachers and school staff are also most welcome to attend.

It is no secret that the Broken Bay Catholic school community is deeply concerned that our Catholic students could be seriously disadvantaged by the Federal Government's proposed school funding model changes outlined in the 2017/18 Federal Budget. In particular, our ability to work as a system of Catholic schools that supports and assists each other is at risk.

As a system of schools, we take very seriously the financial stewardship of the resources we are provided to fund the diverse needs of our students irrespective of their family background, where they live or their financial circumstances.

The funding distribution model we currently use allows funds to be allocated across all our 44 Catholic schools. It also provides for a reasonably consistent low fee cost structure and opportunities for every school community. The new proposed government model would lead to greater disparity of fees from one school to another.

Message from Bishop Peter A Comensoli

Current debate around school funding has been both intense and confusing for many. That is why it is important that we are fully informed around the complex issues at hand. The Parent Forums on offer are an excellent opportunity to hear directly from our Director of Schools in Broken Bay. I fully support the work of Peter Hamill and the Catholic Schools Office, and strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend a Forum in their local area.

Forums

Tuesday, 6 June 2017 > 7:30pm - 8:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School, Waitara

Wednesday, 7 June 2017

- > 9:15am - 10:15am at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School, Waitara ** child minding available **
- > 7:00pm - 8:00pm at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic School, Chatswood

Thursday 8, June 2017 > 7:00pm - 8:00pm at St Kieran's Catholic School, Manly Vale

Wednesday, 14 June 2017 > 7:30pm - 8:30pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School, Forestville

Please click [HERE](#) to register to attend one of the above Forums or call Christine Reis on 9847 0248.

Online Petition

Please also show your support by signing our online petition [LINK](#).

Catholic schools need a fair deal not a special deal!

Yours sincerely,

Peter Hamill
Director of Schools

A ministry of leadership and service to Catholic Schools

PARENT FORUMS

FUNDING CHANGES FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

What is the risk?

**Catholic students
need a fair deal not a
special deal**

Mr Peter Hamill,
Director of Schools,
Diocese of Broken Bay
explains the problems
of the new school
funding model and how
this could affect your
family.



TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 2017

7.30pm - 8.30pm

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 2017

9.15am - 10.15am

(Child minding available)

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

7.00pm - 8.00pm

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic School
94a Archer Street, Chatswood

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2017

7.00pm - 8.00pm

St Kieran's Catholic School
63 Gordon Street, Manly Vale

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE 2017

7.30pm - 8.30pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School
11 Currie Road, Forestville

RSVP by Monday, 5 June

Register online to attend one of the Forums
<http://bit.ly/2rwioa3> or **call** Christine Reis on
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