NCEC STATEMENT

Appointment of Deputy Director

Bishop Greg O’Kelly SJ, Chair of the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education (BCCE), and Ross Fox, Executive Director of the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), are pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Danielle Cronin as Deputy Director of the National Catholic Education Commission.

Ms Cronin has previously been a member of the NCEC. She is a current member of the Catholic Education Commission of NSW (CEC NSW), and has served on and chaired a number of committees of both the NCEC and CEC NSW.

Having begun her career with a major telecommunications company as a business analyst, Ms Cronin is currently the Executive Director of the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW and a member of a number of state and national education bodies including the NSW Non-government Schools Advisory Council which advises the NSW Minister for Education.

Ms Cronin holds a Masters of Politics and Public Policy from Macquarie University and a Bachelor of Economics from Sydney University. In 2008 she was awarded a Churchill Fellowship during which she undertook research in the United Kingdom and North America to examine public policy initiatives and associated structures designed to enhance parental engagement with schooling as part of school reform. Her contribution to national policy through this work is recognised across school sectors.

The appointment of Ms Cronin has been made following an Australia-wide recruitment search which attracted a large number of applications of outstanding quality.

Ms Cronin will join the NCEC Secretariat in July. The Sydney office of the NCEC is planned to open in the second half of July.

Ms Cronin’s appointment as Deputy Director is the first new appointment made to realise the new expectations from the BCCE through new terms of reference and statutes which were proclaimed in July 2013.

“Danielle’s appointment will be welcomed by all those familiar with her accomplishments as she now begins this important work on behalf of Catholic education nationally. While a member of NCEC Danielle’s contributions were highly respected.” Bishop O’Kelly said.

“Danielle brings a tremendous depth and breadth of experience which will be an asset to Catholic education in our national policy development and advocacy.” Ross Fox said.
“I know that staff in Catholic education across Australia will make Danielle welcome as she joins the NCEC secretariat to serve Catholic schools, diocese and commissions in a national leadership role.’ Ross Fox concluded.

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