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Dear members of the St Clare's 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 in 2019, both St Clare's Catholic High School and St Agnes Catholic High School will have a Year 11 intake for the first time. At the same time, Loyola Senior High will be renewed to provide more opportunities for young people in Western Sydney to access high quality vocational education and training, as well as a range of enterprise skills. Students will continue to be enrolled into the Loyola Catholic Trade Training Centre in 2019 and beyond but the 2018 cohort will be the final Year 11 intake at Loyola in its current form.

Feedback received from both the St Clare's and St Agnes communities over many years suggests that providing an option for students to continue their HSC studies at St Clare's and St Agnes Catholic High Schools will be well received by students and their families. Vocational education and training courses will also continue to be delivered on site at Loyola.

A building and/or renovation program will be implemented in all three schools to ensure that each is equipped with the learning spaces and facilities to meet the aspirations of its students.

More information will be provided to the community in the coming weeks. This will include opportunities for feedback.

Thank you for your understanding as, together, we work to respond to the needs of students in these communities.

Yours sincerely



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