Catholic Education is ready for Year 7 at Secondary

Catholic Colleges in Mackay, Emerald, Rockhampton, Gladstone and Bundaberg are ready to welcome Year 7 students this year as part of the historic change in the way school education is delivered in Queensland.

Director of Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton, Leesa Jeffcoat said that the move of Year 7 to secondary this year is not only an historic time for education in Queensland, but also provides for an exciting development that will open up new educational opportunities.

Miss Jeffcoat said that Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton, in conjunction with College Principals, teachers, parents and other stakeholders have been planning for the move for more than three years. Miss Jeffcoat indicated that all Catholic secondary schools across the Diocese are well prepared to welcome an additional year level in 2015.

Catholic Education-Diocese of Rockhampton has been actively supporting teachers by offering a range of professional learning activities including sharing of practice between primary and secondary teachers and programs focused on understanding the adolescent learner.

Another particular focus of preparation has been the pastoral care of younger students as they move into a secondary environment. “It is vital that the students feel safe and welcome in an environment where they will be the youngest members of their school communities. Our colleges have developed a variety of programs including mentoring and buddy programs to suit the needs of each school,” Miss Jeffcoat said.

The building program has involved an investment of over $44 million, including State Government funding and a significant financial commitment by Catholic Education which have combined to deliver superb education infrastructure for Colleges across the Diocese.

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Mercy College Mackay and The Cathedral College Rockhampton