19 March 2020

Dear Principal/ Arts Co-ordinator

After discussion with Wayne Bull, Deputy Executive Director, at this stage, we have decided to continue as normal with the planning for the Catholic Arts for 2020. As the situation regarding Coronavirus is unprecedented territory and constantly changing, we will continue to monitor events and be guided by directives from the CEWA Executive. I understand that many of you may have already made decisions at your school regarding participation in the the Angelico Exhibition, the Performing Arts Festival and/or Carnevale, and I acknowledge that local circumstances with regard to rehearsals etc. will be a consideration in this process.

Whilst I would like to offer more surety to schools, in the current climate, this is not possible. We are optimistically moving forward with our planning in the hope that each of the events may still proceed, whether in their current format or an abridged version should this be necessary and possible.

I thank all schools for their continued commitment to, and support of, the Catholic Arts and will keep you all informed as to their viability in 2020 as information becomes more readily available.

Without wanting to appear flippant at this very serious time, with the AFL season commencing, I paraphrase the former great AFL commentator, Dennis Cometti:

"We enter the planning process optimistically, let's hope we don't exit it misty optically"

Yours sincerely

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