

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR REGIONAL SUPPORT – NORTHERN

'A Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition provides pastoral care that nurtures the dignity of each person as a child formed in the image of God'

*excerpt from the EREA Charter
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Edmund Rice's foundational motivation for founding the Christian Brothers was generated from a deep compassion for the "dear little ones". (Normoyle, 1979,p.151). In Catholic schools and entities in the Edmund Rice Tradition we follow the example of Jesus in embracing Gospel values through the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice demonstrating care for all, in a community that is safe, secure and just.

Catholic schools and entities in the Edmund Rice Tradition are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all students and children. All people are called especially to care for children, protecting them from anyone who would harm or abuse them. It is recognised that students are harmed, or could be at risk of harm, from many sources, including self-harm.

The document sets out processes that all EREA personnel will follow to ensure that prompt, professional, sensitive and appropriate action is taken whenever matters of student protection concern come to their attention. The processes formulated in this document are in accordance with child protection legislation relevant to non-state schools in Queensland.

Each person working within EREA Northern Region has an important role in the identification and reporting of suspected or actual harm or likely harm to students and children. I feel confident that each person working within EREA willingly undertake the requirement to know and understand the serious responsibilities that apply to them in this area.

I feel confident that our continued efforts in the implementation of our child protection processes will help to enhance the protection of students and children and bring healing and peace to young people and any others who may have been adversely affected.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts forever



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