

Media Release

Statement on resignation of Dr Michael Slattery

Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) Chief Executive Officer Dallas McInerney today paid tribute to Michael Slattery, who has resigned as Director of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Dr Slattery had been Director since the start of the 2017 school year, leading a system that educates more than 19,000 students in 57 Catholic schools and employs almost 1800 teachers and support staff.

“In his time at Maitland-Newcastle, Michael made a wonderful contribution to Catholic education generally and provided splendid service to the families of the diocese,” Mr McInerney said.

“His main focus was to support his schools so that every child could receive a quality education and have the opportunity to grow academically, spiritually and emotionally.

“I met regularly with Michael and his fellow Diocesan Directors to discuss a range of important educational and funding issues.

“I always regarded his contributions very highly - he was knowledgeable, principled and showed good judgement,” Mr McInerney said.

“He was a strong advocate for welcoming and diverse Catholic school communities, particularly those serving some of our most disadvantaged communities.

“Michael himself was a man of integrity and personified the Catholic mission to work for the poor, for justice and for peace.

“I wish him well for the next stage of his career.”

Immediately prior to his appointment, Dr Slattery had been Principal of St Edward's Christian Brothers College in East Gosford for six years.

He also held the post of Assistant Director of Schools in the diocese of Broken Bay and Acting Director at various times between 2004 and 2009.

Catholic Schools NSW represents the state's 595 Catholic schools and their 255,000 students.

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