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### **SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE FOR BROKEN BAY SCHOOLS REIMAGINES CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

An ambitious plan and a new strategic direction for Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) is getting tops marks.

CSBB celebrated a significant milestone on Friday in its Towards 2025 strategy plan.

Two and a half years ago Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Director of CSBB, Danny Casey, set in place a plan focusing on five key goals: academic growth, quality religious education, building the capability and contribution of staff, and unlocking the potential of all students.

“Not only have we met our targeted timelines but we have excelled in a number of areas,” Danny Casey said.

Towards 2025 was developed in consultation with staff, students, families and clergy, and informed by key feedback and overall learning from research.

“Some areas in which we are ahead of schedule includes student learning improvement, collaborative improvement amongst staff leading to teacher growth, and an improved technical platform to support learning,” Danny Casey said.

“The recent establishment of a CSBB Enterprise Agreement, which is strongly supported by staff, will be an important factor in providing certainty of conditions for current and future staff.

“We are pleased CSBB now has the highest enrolment growth in the State but so importantly we have built a culture of continual improvement where feedback is welcome, and development encouraged.”

More than 200 staff attended the Development Day with another 2,500 joining via a livestream.

The keynote address was given by Army ex-special operations Major and author, Mark Wales.

Mark emphasised how three key words provided a platform for him while serving in his often life-threatening tours of Afghanistan, and also today in his corporate and family life: Mission, Team and Self.

“It may seem unusual, but I think that really resonated with our teachers,” Danny Casey said.

“We also need to be mission-focused to serve our students to the best of our ability and work with supportive teams. Our self-care and personal responsibility will help us all grow and position us to deliver our goals in the second half of Towards 2025.”

Bishop Anthony said the halfway milestone stands as a testament to the dedication and hard work of all the community in CSBB.

“For example, the delivery of the Southern Peninsula Precinct in the Northern Beaches, including a clear K-12 pathway, responds directly to the needs of our communities. We are also addressing the specific needs of diverse learners at CSBB schools without students having to leave their community. I think what we are doing really reimagines the delivery of Catholic education.

“We remain diligent in continuing to embed our key priorities with the same level of dedication, enthusiasm, care and compassion as we move into the second half of our strategic plan.”

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**Image Caption (L-R: CSBB Director of Schools, Danny Casey; Principal Holy Catholic School Lindfield, Pauline Dinale; Bishop Anthony Randazzo; Mark Wales.)**

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