

## Media Release

### Catholic Schools NSW appoints Danielle Cronin as Deputy CEO

The Board of Catholic Schools NSW Ltd (CSNSW) is pleased to announce the appointment today of Ms Danielle Cronin as Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Deputy CEO).

Ms Cronin is one of Australia's leading education policy specialists with experience at both the state and national level, as well as international representative duties on behalf of Catholic Education. Currently the Director of Education Policy, Danielle oversees policy development and negotiation with State and Commonwealth partners while maintaining a range of governance and advisory roles across other Church agencies, including the health sector.

With an impressive record of service across two decades, Danielle has held a number of roles in Catholic education, including within the National Catholic Education Commission and a Commissioner of the former NSW Catholic Education Commission.

Danielle will continue to be based in CSNSW's Sydney offices.

A biography of Ms Cronin is included at the end of this note.

#### **Quotes attributable to CSNSW Chair Mark Dorney:**

*'I congratulate Danielle on her appointment as Deputy CEO and look forward to working with Dallas, Danielle and the leadership team of CSNSW in advancing educational excellence and the sharing of our faith in the 592 Catholic schools serving 268,000 students in NSW.'*

#### **Quotes attributable to CSNSW CEO Dallas McInerney:**

*'Danielle has been a widely respected leader in Catholic education for many years and enjoys a strong reputation across Australia; I'm delighted this has been recognised with the new appointment.'*

#### **Quote attributable to CSNSW Deputy CEO designate Danielle Cronin:**

*'It has been a privilege to work in Catholic education, particularly in NSW as the largest non-government schooling system in Australia. Our schools and communities, with their rich diversity and commitment to the common good, are a national asset, and I remain steadfastly committed to their ongoing sustainability and accessibility. I look forward to being of ongoing service to the mission of Catholic education in this new role for CSNSW.'*

#### **Professional biography – Danielle Cronin**

*Danielle Cronin is highly regarded as an educational leader and public policy specialist and, over the course of her career, has helped shape both Catholic education and important areas of public policy affecting schools.*

*As well as holding executive positions, Danielle was a member of the NSW Catholic Education Commission for ten years and a member of the National Catholic Education Commission for seven.*

*She has also represented the sector on significant national and state policy groups. Danielle generously shares her policy and governance expertise more broadly including her appointment to the Australian Bishops Pastoral Research Council. She is also a Trustee of St John of God Healthcare and Good Samaritan Education and a Director of Jesuit Education Australasia.*

*Danielle has received a number of awards, including an Australian Churchill Fellowship, with her seminal report informing both state and national policy. Most recently, she was awarded an Australian Council of Educational Leaders (ACEL) National Leadership Award for her contribution to innovation in national policy development.*

*Prior to joining Catholic education, Danielle worked in the corporate sector in both finance and telecommunications.*

*Danielle holds degrees in Economics (Sydney University) and a Masters in Politics and Public Policy (Macquarie University).*

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