

20<sup>th</sup> October 2021



Dear VET Coordinators and Career Counsellors,

**Re: Compass Catholic Community – Opening Term 1 2022**

I write with excitement about the opening of Compass Catholic Community next year.

We are a new school based in Davoren Park in the Northern suburbs of Adelaide, working with 17 to 24 year olds who have not thrived in mainstream schooling. Compass is an opportunity for young people to re-engage or continue with their learning through our offering of SACE, VET programs and Key Capabilities focus.

**Removal of barriers.** We focus on the removing of barriers to education for young people in our cohort. We do this in some big ways such as:

- No school fees
- No uniforms
- No bells
- No set time limit for completion
- Free childminding for pre-school aged children
- Free breakfast each day
- Rolling enrolments

We also do this in smaller ways, such as flexible learning arrangements, first names only for staff, and an integrated, funded wellbeing and positive mental health focus.

**Co-constructed, project-based curriculum.** Each young person has a Learning Facilitator (teacher) who walks alongside them as they journey with Compass. Students will co-construct their learning opportunities with their Learning Facilitator, based on their short- and long-term goals, and their interests. Learning Facilitators will then ensure SACE alignment, and collect evidence of learning with the student, as they work on individual and group projects.

**Supportive environment.** Our Wellbeing Model is integrated into every part of Compass so that it wraps around the student as they interact with all areas of the school. We also have Learning Supporters (social workers) on site full time to support students in their learning, and their wider lives, as well as relationships with allied health professionals to provide further referral and support as needed.

**Enrolling now!** We are enrolling now, and would welcome referrals and enquires from students, staff and family members. At Compass, we believe strongly in carefully passing the baton when it comes to young people, and so we value partnerships as we all work together to provide educational outcomes for the young people in our care. You will find our “Carefully Passing the Baton” process attached to this email. Please feel free to pass this information along to others within your team.

Please contact us at [info@compass.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@compass.catholic.edu.au) or on 8288 4900, and for more information please head to [www.compass.catholic.edu.au](http://www.compass.catholic.edu.au). If you would like to speak with me directly, do not hesitate to be in contact on 0430 305 104 or at [kelly.bunyon@compass.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kelly.bunyon@compass.catholic.edu.au).

Thank you for your time, and we hope that we can work together to continue to provide educational opportunities for young people in our community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KBunyon', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kelly Bunyon  
Principal, Compass Catholic Community