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Dear Ray,

**RE: Mission Australia Youth Survey 2026**

Thank you for your application to conduct research within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

We acknowledge that your application aims to identify the aspirations, experiences and issues of concern to young people from a wide range of communities across Australia and from diverse socioeconomic, cultural, religious, gender and ability backgrounds.

Approval is given for you to approach principals of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's Secondary schools outlined in your application to invite them to participate in your research.

Please note the following points in relation to research requests:

- It is the school principal who gives final permission for research to be carried out in their school.
- The privacy of participants is to be observed in reporting and must comply with the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000.
- There should be some feedback to schools and a copy of the findings of the research forwarded to this office.
- This letter of approval should accompany any approach to schools.

We confirm that no WWCC for researchers is required as there will not be any contact with students.

If you require any further assistance or wish to discuss any aspect of this research in our Diocese, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Patricia Humble  
Head of School Improvement & Learning