



4 February 2026

Emily Richardson
Mission Australia
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NSW 2000

Dear Emily

I write in response to your research request application dated 23 January 2026 regarding the Mission Australia 2026 Youth Survey recently received by the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office (TCEO).

I have reviewed the project application, ethics approval and supporting documentation provided. I am satisfied that the research project is one that aligns with the mission of Catholic Education Tasmania and participating in the project would be beneficial to Catholic schools and the wider community. Therefore, I grant in principle approval for the project.

In granting this in principle approval, please be aware that it is up to the individual Catholic school to determine whether they wish to participate. It is a requirement of this approval that the TCEO receive a copy of the final research report as a result of Catholic Education Tasmania participating in the project. Such information would assist the system with future planning and improvements in education provision to students and families in our schools.

You will need to provide a copy of this letter of in principle approval to any Tasmanian Catholic school you approach to participate in this research project. Without this letter a school will automatically decline any requests to participate in a research project.

Please accept my best wishes for your research project and please do not hesitate to contact my office if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Terry McCarthy', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr Terry McCarthy
Interim Executive Director
Catholic Education Tasmania

CC: John Wilson, Director School Services