



St Joseph's Catholic School, Pukekohe

## Parent Consultation – Establishment of a Catholic Secondary School at Drury

### Good news for our Franklin Catholic community.

As many of you will know, there has been a long-standing desire for a local Catholic Secondary School. Parents have been keen for this to happen for many years and often express disappointment it has not happened yet. The Board have been advised by the Catholic Education Office and the Ministry of Education, that an application has now been lodged to establish St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College, in Burt Road, Drury.

### Benefits of the establishment include:

- Provision of a pathway to local Catholic secondary education for students from St Joseph's Catholic School Pukekohe, St Mary's Catholic School Papakura, and Holy Trinity Catholic School Takanini.
- Remove barriers for access to Catholic secondary schooling for South Auckland Catholic families with children at the three local Catholic primary schools and at local State schools.
- Reduce the number of students leaving South Auckland to access Catholic secondary education.
- Reduce travel time for students travelling to and from school and assist in reducing traffic congestion.

### Timing:

If approved the College will open in 2023 for Year 7 – 9 students, then grow over time

It is proposed the college will open in 2023 taking foundation pupils for Years 7, 8 & 9, and will grow with each year's intake to provide a Catholic education for Year 7 – 13 students.

### How does it affect us?

As part of the proposal, St Joseph's Pukekohe (along with St Mary's Papakura and Holy Trinity, Takanini) would cease enrolling students at Year 7 & 8; a process known as decapitation. We then would become a Year 0-6 primary school.

### Consultation:

The Board would welcome your feedback, especially if you have any concerns about the intentions to stop taking Year 7 & 8 at St Joseph's. They also welcome any other feedback you have about these proposed changes.

Please advise us of what you want for your children. Complete the slip below and return it to school by Wednesday 13 November.

Yours sincerely,

Aaron de Farias  
**Board Chair**

Ursula Hall  
**Principal**

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### PARENT FEEDBACK ON ESTABLISHMENT OF ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

*Please tick your preference and return to school by Wednesday 13th November*

I/we support the plans to no longer enrol Year 7 & 8 students at St Joseph's School

I/we oppose the plans to no longer enrol Year 7 & 8 students at St Joseph's School

I/we offer the following comments/questions about the proposed establishment of St Ignatius Catholic College, Drury

Name:

Signature: