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Re: A school community of care and compassion

Dear Committee Secretary,

I was saddened to hear of the high levels of bullying of Australian teenagers and especially in Tasmania. My husband and I send our two daughters to an independent Christian school and we are incredibly grateful that it has been a safe space for our girls to learn and grow. The school strives to create a supportive and caring environment for all its students and takes a proactive approach to their emotional and psychological well-being. From personal experience I can attest to the fact that Christian schools strive to be communities of care and compassion because those are some of the fundamental values integral to the faith. In striving to follow the example of Jesus and holding fast to the Christian worldview that all individuals are created in the image of, and by, God, each student is seen as having intrinsic and immeasurable worth, and is treated accordingly. Because of these beliefs they work especially hard to proactively address bullying and have a strong culture of care and compassion for all students. I am asking the Committee to ensure that Christian schools can continue to provide the caring, nurturing environment that we have chosen for our girls and experience first hand, as we wish for every family in Tasmania and Australia to experience, in whatever school environment they find themselves.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Micah Fourie

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