



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

PASTORAL REVIEW

During the course of the 2020 school year the College staff have participated in a review of the College's pastoral care system. While Delany College prides itself on the level of care provided to students through the current 'stage-based' pastoral system, the review has indicated that a transition to a 'vertical-house' system will provide enhancements to the overall level of care, support and leadership opportunities available to students.

A proposed model for a new vertical house system has been developed and we are now seeking feedback from parents and caregivers. A detailed summary of the proposed system is available [by clicking this link](#) or by phoning the College and requesting a copy. The key features of the proposed vertical-house system are summarised below for your information:

- Students will be allocated to one 'House' and have the same pastoral coordinator throughout their entire journey at the College. Students in the same family will be in the same house.
- Pastoral 'mentor' classes will be made up of students from Years 7 to 12. Students in the same family will be in different mentor classes and ideally have the same mentor teacher each year.
- Personal development courses, retreats and activities will be on a 'year-level' basis, meeting the developmental needs of students as they grow into young adults.
- House names would remain the same as those currently used: Champion, Chisholm, MacKillop and Tierney.
- Student leadership structures would be aligned to support the new House structure and provide further opportunities for seniors to lead buddy and peer mentoring programs.

Your feedback is important and we would like to gather as much information as possible before proceeding with the next stage of the proposal. If you would like to provide feedback, after reading the proposal, please click on the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTZ8SX> and complete the feedback form provided.

Yours sincerely

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