Dear Colleagues

The eighth meeting of the Queensland Lutheran Schools Single Bargaining Unit was held on Friday, 26 April 2013. A factual account of the issues discussed at that meeting, indicating where agreement has been reached and outlining ongoing matters still under discussion, follows:

1. Matters Under Discussion

In addition to salaries/ wages (refer to paragraph 2 below), further positions were tabled in respect of the following matters, which remain under discussion:

1.1 Review of Annexure “D” – Complaints Against Staff;
1.2 Directed Attendance at Camps;
1.3 Preparation and Correction Time;
1.4 School Counsellors;
1.5 Occupational Health & Safety (National Harmonisation of legislation).

2. Salaries/ Wages

The meeting noted informal discussions between the parties had occurred as planned during the week commencing 22 April 2013.

Further productive discussion by the meeting ensued regarding the development of a collaborative outcome in respect of the issue of salaries/ wages, however the meeting did not reach agreement in principle in respect of this issue.

In the circumstances, it was agreed that collaborative discussions continue in coming days with a view to resolving the outstanding issues between the parties with respect to salaries/ wages. In the meantime, it was agreed that a further meeting of the SBU be scheduled to take place on Friday, 10 May 2013 from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00a.m., by which time it is hoped that the parties can reach a mutually satisfactory resolution.

The parties have also agreed that the matter of an interim wage increase will be included as an Agenda item for discussion at the 10 May 2013 SBU meeting. Further advice will be provided to Schools in this regarding following the 10 May 2013 SBU meeting.
3. Next Meeting Date

As noted above, the next meeting of the Queensland Lutheran Schools Single Bargaining Unit is scheduled to be held on Friday, 10 May 2013 from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

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