



NAZARETH PARISH, RICKETTS POINT

EMBRACING THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
STELLA MARIS, BEAUMARIS & ST JOSEPH'S, BLACK ROCK

ESTABLISHMENT OF NAZARETH PARISH EDUCATION BOARD

17th May 2018

Esteemed members of St Joseph's Primary School Board and Stella Maris Primary School Board,

In this tenth year since the joining of St Joseph's Parish, Black Rock and Stella Maris Parish, Beaumaris to form Nazareth Parish, Ricketts Point I think that it is an appropriate time to make various changes across the parish that bolster the unity of the parish in practice, not just in name. One of these changes relates to the school boards.

It is my intention to form a new parish-based School Board which would replace the existing school boards of our two parish primary schools, Stella Maris Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School.

The new board will be called Nazareth Parish Education Board.

I believe that this new education board will significantly help our parish to have a more consistent approach to the matters that, at present, come before each individual board, especially in relation to the ratification of policies that effect our schools.

In consultation with both principals, Ms Carmel Stutterd at St Joseph's Primary School and Mr Rob Horwood at Stella Maris primary School, we envisage a plan that would see us continue to operate as separate boards for the remainder of the year. The remaining meetings for 2018 would concentrate on finalising business of the individual boards and and planning for the creation of a new, unified education board.

While there will be some challenges about how we deal with particular issues relating to each school there are many more advantages to presenting a united front across the parish, including both of our parish schools.

More information about the practicalities will be made available in the coming weeks.

I wish to thank each one of you for your ongoing commitment and expertise. I have been truly impressed by the dedication that you show to our schools and parish. It is not taken for granted and is highly valued.

May the Lord bless you for your work for the Kingdom.

Yours sincerely,

Fr Anthony Denton PP