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Rosemary Menkens MP
Chair
Education and Innovation Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Rosemary,

FEEDBACK ON INQUIRY INTO THE EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2013

P&Cs Qld appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback to the Inquiry into the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2013.

We believe that it is important to amend the Bill to include Year 7 in the definition of secondary school from 2015 as the majority of year 7 students in Queensland will be in their eighth year of school by 2015. P&Cs Qld support the move of year 7 to becoming the first year of secondary education to align with the rest of Australia.

P&Cs Qld also support the inclusion of the Preparatory year in state school students' entitlement to a basic allocation of semesters of State education as this would formally recognise prep as the first year of schooling in Queensland.

We endorse the provision to allow for the cancellation of international student enrolments at state schools due to non-payment of fees. As in any contractual relationship it is imperative to ensure that contractual obligations are met and if not penalised for noncompliance. We also like to recommend equal emphasis to be placed in the provisions of waivers being retained in case of extenuating circumstances and welcome the Department of Education, Training and Employment's inclusion to allow re-enrolment if the outstanding payment is received.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to provide feedback. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you
Yours sincerely,



Peter Levett
Chief Executive Office