

# MEDIA RELEASE

## TJHC meets with Catholic Secondary Principals



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With the impending release of the Royal Commission's final report in mid-December, Francis Sullivan CEO of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council, met with the Catholic Secondary Principals Australia in Adelaide this week to discuss possible implications for Catholic schools across Australia.

Mr Sullivan said the Commission's final report will be delivered to the Governor-General on 15 December 2017 following a final 'ceremonial sitting' of the Commission the day before in Sydney.

"The final report is expected to comprise up to 17 volumes, at least three are expected to deal with the Catholic Church," Mr Sullivan said.

"Apart from detailing its conclusions and recommendations, it will cover a broad range of issues relating to both governments and institutions, this will most likely include Catholic schools.

"Our school principals and administrators need to be ready to deal with the Commission's recommendations which are likely to include calls for tougher child protection regulations and protocols as well as recommendations which might apply to Catholic schools specifically around issues such as the administration of the sacrament of confession and the governance and management of Catholic primary schools."

At the meeting the Director also discussed the 2020 Plenary Council indicating their hope that the Church would take the opportunity to explore some of the important issues raised by the Commission.

CaSPA will look to work with other key Catholic Education stakeholders to provide input into the key themes that will be discussed during this Council.

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