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RESPONSE TO END OF MANDATE

The following comments can be attributed to Dr Neil McGoran, Director, Catholic Education SA.

This afternoon, the Police Commissioner in his role as State Coordinator announced that the Emergency Management Direction (mandating two doses of the COVID-19 vaccination to work in an education or early childhood setting) will be revoked at 12.01am Thursday 31 March 2022.

In anticipation of the mandate ending, Catholic Education SA employers have already been discussing options including maintaining current vaccination requirements to ensure our staff are safe into Term 2 and beyond.

A staff consultation process will commence next week.

It should be noted that our approach will vary from the approach taken by the Department for Education because our industrial framework is different to theirs.

We will be working to ensure our workforce remains safe in the absence of an Emergency Management Direction and ensuring that we have appropriate measures and policies in place to support the safety and wellbeing of all staff and students across our 103 Catholic schools.

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