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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am pleased to advise that I approve of the request from the Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Wollongong (CEO Wollongong) for two schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney to participate in a pilot research program formally titled, ***The effects of a salutogenic, occupationally based resiliency and mental wellbeing (The Boomerang Effect) program in school students and teachers*** being conducted by a team including Theresa Novak. The Boomerang Effect is a pilot program being developed and trialled in the pilot schools to improve student resiliency for health, wellbeing and success.

I am aware that CEO Wollongong has granted its own ethics approval for the associated research elements of the study, as endorsed by the University of Sydney's Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). I support the association of CEO Sydney with the project under the leadership and direction of the CEO Wollongong and their Director of Schools, Mr Peter Turner.

The Principals of both, **De La Salle College Revesby** and **Holy Spirit College Lakemba** have indicated their support and willingness to be involved in the pilot program, agreeing that their schools will participate as defined in the pilot project brief. I approve that authorised personnel can survey and interact with students, staff and parents as part of the pilot project as appropriate.

For further information please contact Mr Tim Gilmour, Professional Assistant to the Director of Schools in the Diocese of Wollongong on (02) 4253-0938.

Yours sincerely

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