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Executive Summary

Campion College, Gisborne

Campion College is a Catholic co-educational secondary school of 520 pupils from years 7 to 13 serving the City of Gisborne. It is a Christ centred community where the focus on the 3Cs, Commitment, Compassion and Community are fashioned to encourage the development of the total person to be the best that they can be. It proclaims its faith community through the 3Cs where the faith is nourished and where Christian celebration in the Catholic tradition is highly valued. It achieves this by developing strong relationships with the wider Church community, parents and the current parish priest Monsignor Frank Eggleton.

The college has benefited from having a committed Catholic principal in Paul McGuinness who has brought innovation and passion to his role. His holistic approach is a vision where the whole school programme and community is infused with Catholic Character. This vision also has the total support of the long standing Board Chair Mike Torrie and the Board of Trustees who have developed the structures and mechanisms whereby an inclusive learning community gives all students the opportunity to succeed and have a meaningful say in their education.

The appointment this year of the new Director of Religious Studies, Karyn Sadler was an inspired choice. She and the principal share the view that the most effective way to evangelization is through developing a meaningful relationship with others, through which the reign of God can be realised. The importance of the Special Catholic Character as a focal point for everything that goes on in the college is no where better expressed than in the college Charter for 2014-16. Goal two states; *'To continue building a Christ centred collaborative community that further engages students,, their families and the wider community in the student's learning and developing a greater understanding of how we can model Christ in our daily lives through an emphasis on Catholic Social Teaching.'*

The reviewers felt that Campion College has demonstrated a model to achieve this that could well be worthwhile for other schools in the diocese to emulate.