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Dear Brothers and Lasallian Partners

Balgo Hills

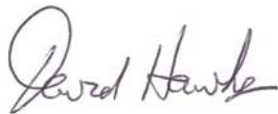
Last Wednesday 6th April Merv McCormack, Executive Director of the Lasallian Mission Council; Br Tony Cummins, Director of Lasallian Volunteers and I met with Bishop Saunders of the Diocese of Broome, Dr Tim McDonald, Executive Director of the Catholic Education Office, WA and Ms Carol Guerts, Catholic Education Office WA, Broome.

Bishop Saunders advised that as Luurnpa Catholic School will commence a “new pathway” in term 3, 2016 with the appointment of a new Principal, the current De La Salle Brothers’ community is to leave Balgo prior to the end of the second term. This position is supported by the Executive Director of the Catholic Education Office WA and is non-negotiable.

The future of the Lasallian Mission at Luurnpa Catholic School and Balgo will be the subject of further advice I will seek from the District Council and Lasallian Mission Council. At this stage other Lasallian programmes at Balgo such as Share the Mission and Youth Ministry which are sponsored by the District continue.

The District is proud of its contribution at Balgo and the opportunities it has offered for countless Lasallians to be involved in ministry with the indigenous people of Australia. I express my deep appreciation to the Brothers and Lasallian Partners who have served at Balgo and continue to serve there.

Yours sincerely,



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Visitor

“for nothing is impossible to God.” (Luke 1: 37)