## 3 February 2022



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

Citipointe Christian College has today withdrawn the Enrolment Contract issued to families on Friday 28 January.

Families will no longer be asked to agree to that contract for their child to be enrolled in the College.

Principal, Pastor Brian Mulheran said, "We deeply regret that some students feel that they would be discriminated against because of their sexuality or gender identity, and I apologise to them and their families on behalf of the College.

"As stated previously, the College does not and will not discriminate against any student because of their sexuality or gender identity. It is central to our faith that being gay or transgender in no way diminishes a person's humanity or dignity in God's eyes.

"It is also deeply distressing that some of our students have been vilified in the community simply for their religious beliefs or because they attend the College.

"I hope that by withdrawing the contract we can return all of our focus to the Christian education of our students as we begin this new year.

"Every individual is created equal in the image of God and should be treated with compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity. This will continue to be at the heart of our College and help us to come together again as a community.

"Our society gives freedom to people to be a part of groups with shared beliefs. Citipointe has the freedom to maintain its Christian ethos and this is an essential part of Christian education and choice for parents. As a College established for religious purposes, we will continue to provide an education based on our shared beliefs.

"I would also like to thank our families, students and staff who have continued to support us."

The College will continue to ensure that families are provided with the information that is necessary to make informed choices about our community and our approach to teaching and caring for their children.

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