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Dear Professor Hayes,

Thank you for your Application to Conduct Research in Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle which we received on 16 February 2012. I am happy for the designated researchers to approach schools in our diocese to continue research on the *Growing Up in Australia: The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children from the Australian Institute of Family Studies*

We regard this type of research as significant and would encourage principals to approve the research within their schools. However, please be aware it is still the school principal who gives final permission for the research to be carried out within the school.

We always stress the following points in relation to research requests:

- Confidentiality needs to be observed in reporting and must comply with the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000.
- There should be some feedback to schools and a copy of the findings of the research forwarded to this office.
- This letter of approval should accompany any approach to schools.

I look forward to the results of this study and wish you the best over the coming months. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this research in our diocese, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 4979 1201 or [vicki.sheriff@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vicki.sheriff@mn.catholic.edu.au)

Yours sincerely,

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