

20 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Decision regarding St Peter's Early Learning Centre

We are writing to advise you of a significant decision regarding the future of St Peter's Early Learning Centre (ELC) at St Kevin's College.

Following an extensive review, the College has determined that the ELC will cease operations on **2 December 2026**, at the conclusion of the 2026 academic year.

Over many years, the ELC has provided a nurturing and caring environment for young children and families. We are proud of the contribution that St Peter's has made to our broader community and deeply grateful to the many staff who have supported children during these formative years.

In reaching this decision, the College carefully considered several factors:

- *Enrolment demand and financial viability* – Under the current offering, ELC families are ineligible for government support, which has had an unfavourable impact on enrolments which presents significant challenges to the long-term viability of the ELC.
- *Increasing regulatory and compliance obligations* – The early childhood sector has seen significant regulatory and quality reforms in recent years, reflecting important and necessary standards. In considering the long-term sustainability of a small, stand-alone service within a school environment, the College has determined that its resources are best directed to its core primary and secondary offerings, while continuing to meet all obligations through to the end of 2026.

St Peter's ELC has made a valued contribution to the life of St Kevin's College, and we are very grateful to the staff, children and families who have been part of its history.

The ELC will continue to operate throughout 2026, and we will work closely with affected families and staff to support a smooth process.

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We have attached a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) which provides additional information.

We thank our community for its understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,



Deborah M Barker
Principal / CEO



James Darcy
Chair of the Board

Attached: *Frequently Asked Questions Sheet*