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Consultation report

Process to establish the new St Francis of Assisi Catholic School

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Meetings were held with the staff of both schools and with the Board of St Pauls' School. In addition there were many phone calls and emails from both individuals and the Boards. Both Principals were invited to make comment to the facilitator to ensure their views were included. The NZEI was included in conversations with the Facilitator and attended the meeting at Our Lady of Fatima School.

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